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## **THE MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

*Resource provided by the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship.*

*On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed . . . a new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, into the General Roman Calendar. This memorial is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. Latin liturgical texts . . . were also promulgated the same day.*

**Below are the proper liturgical texts for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church:**

### **ROMAN MISSAL**

A full Mass formulary – including Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion, and Entrance and Communion Antiphons – is already included within the Roman Missal. White vestments are worn.

**From the Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church.**

### **LECTIONARY FOR MASS**

A set of proper (i.e., mandatory) readings has been assigned for this new memorial. *Since the precise verses and acclamation are not found together in any one place in the Lectionary for Mass, the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship has prepared a PDF resource of the readings to facilitate their use (attached).*

572A – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)

The readings for this memorial are proper.

**First Reading** – Genesis 3:9-15, 20

*The mother of all the living.*

or: Acts 1:12-14

*All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.*

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

*R. Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord;*

*O blessed mother of the Church,*

*you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ.*

**Gospel** – John 19:25-34

*Behold, your Son. Behold, your mother.*

## **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

An English version of the proper texts for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church will be included in the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition, after translation by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, approval by the USCCB, and confirmation by the Holy See.

### **Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, and Evening Prayer**

Psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, except for the following:

#### **Prayer**

O God, Father of mercies,  
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,  
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,  
to be our Mother also,  
grant, we pray, that with her loving help  
your Church may be more fruitful day by day  
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,  
may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday after Pentecost  
**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**  
Memorial

The readings for this memorial are proper.

**FIRST READING**

First Option

*The mother of all the living.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

3:9-15, 20

After Adam had eaten of the tree,  
the LORD God called to him and asked him, “Where are you?”  
He answered, “I heard you in the garden;  
but I was afraid, because I was naked,  
so I hid myself.”  
Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked?  
You have eaten, then,  
from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!”  
The man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me—  
she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.”  
The LORD God then asked the woman,  
“Why did you do such a thing?”  
The woman answered, “The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:  
“Because you have done this, you shall be banned  
from all the animals  
and from all the wild creatures;  
On your belly shall you crawl,  
and dirt shall you eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
He will strike at your head,  
while you strike at his heel.”

The man called his wife Eve,  
because she became the mother of all the living.

The word of the Lord.

OR:

Second Option

*All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer  
together with Mary, the mother of Jesus.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven,  
the Apostles returned to Jerusalem  
from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,  
a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city  
they went to the upper room where they were staying,  
Peter and John and James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,  
and Judas son of James.

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,  
together with some women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

**R.** (3) Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

His foundation upon the holy mountains  
the LORD loves:  
The gates of Zion,  
more than any dwelling of Jacob.

**R.** Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

Glorious things are said of you,  
O city of God!  
And of Zion they shall say:  
“One and all were born in her;  
And he who has established her  
is the Most High LORD.”

**R.** Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled:  
“This man was born there.”  
And all shall sing, in their festive dance:  
“My home is within you.”

**R.** Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

## **ALLELUIA**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord;  
O blessed mother of the Church,  
you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ.

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

19:25-34

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother  
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary of Magdala.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved,  
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

Then he said to the disciple,  
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,  
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,  
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine.

So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop  
and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,  
"It is finished."

And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,  
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,  
for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,  
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken  
and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first  
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs,  
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,  
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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