

# CELEBRATING THE MARIAN YEAR

## Devotional Celebrations in Honor of Mary, Mother of God (Minister's Edition)

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### Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Introduction

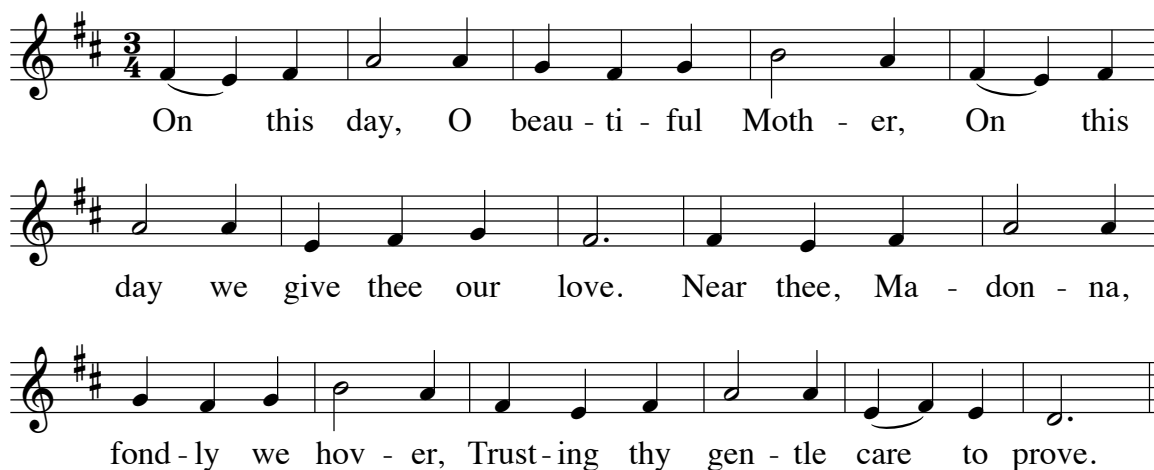
54. "Both in the East and in the West the practice of depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a regal crown came into use in the era of the Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431).... It is especially from the end of the 16th century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin" (see *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, nos. 3-4).
55. This service is intended for parish celebrations in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or one of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus, is to be crowned. The rite may be used appropriately as a part of May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
56. The service may be led by a priest, deacon, or lay person.
57. If there is to be a procession with the image of Mary, it should be well planned before the celebration begins. Appropriate Marian hymns may be sung during the procession and throughout the service (see no. 117 below).

# Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary

58. When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.

## On This Day, O Beautiful Mother

Refrain



On this day, O beau - ti - ful Moth - er, On this  
day we give thee our love. Near thee, Ma - don - na,  
fond - ly we hov - er, Trust - ing thy gen - tle care to prove.

Verses



1. On this day we ask to share, Dear - est  
2. Queen of an - gels, deign to hear Thy dear  
Moth - er, thy sweet care; Aid us ere our  
chil - dren's hum - ble prayer; Young hearts gain, O  
feet a - stray Wan - der from thy guid - ing way.  
Vir - gin pure, Je - sus' love for them as - sure.

Text: Anonymous

Tune: BEAUTIFUL MOTHER, 77 77 with refrain; Louis Lambillotte, 1796-1855

The minister makes the sign of the cross, saying:

**Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.**

All respond: Amen.

## **INVITATION TO PRAY**

59. The minister invites those present to pray in these words:

**Minister: Come, let us worship Christ, the Son of Mary.**

All respond: Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord as we keep this day in loving memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## **INTRODUCTION**

60. The minister introduces the celebration in these or similar words:

**Minister: My dear brothers and sisters:  
We gather today to crown this image  
of the Virgin Mary and her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
As we acclaim Mary, the Mother of God,  
as our queen, and as the Mother of the Church,  
let us imitate her example  
and be attentive to the word of God.  
As we honor Mary,  
who is higher than the cherubim and yet like us,  
let us pray that through her intercession we may achieve  
holiness of life,  
and a deepened faith, hope, and love,  
as we seek to do the will of God in all things.**

## OPENING PRAYER

61. The minister says the opening prayer.

**Minister: Father, as your Son was raised on the cross,  
his mother Mary stood by him, sharing his sufferings.  
May your Church be united with Christ  
in his suffering and death  
and so come to share in his rising to new life,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

All respond: Amen.

## READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD

62. A reader then proclaims the first reading from sacred Scripture.

*During the Easter Season*

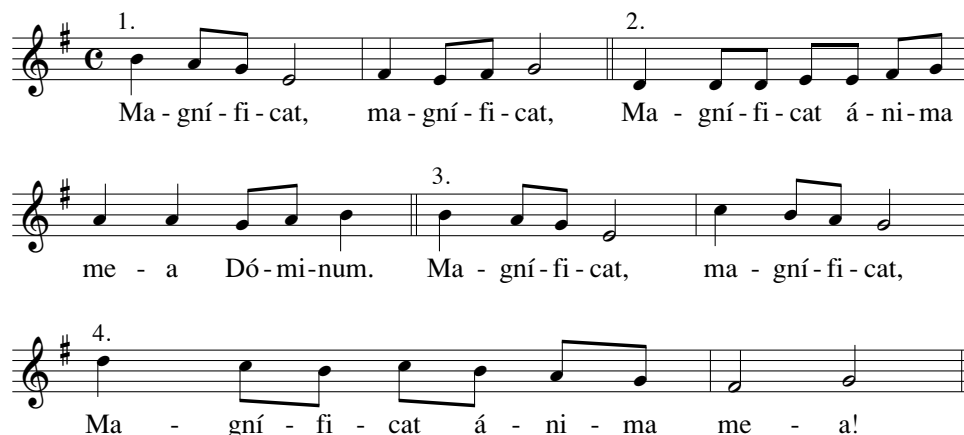
Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10 A great sign appeared in the heavens.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.  
Because she was with child, she wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.  
Then another sign appeared in the sky: it was a huge dragon, flaming red,  
with seven heads and ten horns; on his heads were seven diadems.  
His tail swept a third of the stars from the sky and hurled them down to the earth.  
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,  
ready to devour her child when it should be born.  
She gave birth to a son – a boy destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod.  
Her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.  
The woman herself fled into the desert,  
where a special place had been prepared for her by God.  
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say;  
"Now have salvation and power come,  
the reign of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM



1. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat, 2. Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma  
me - a Dó - mi - num. 3. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat,  
4. Ma - gní - fi - cat á - ni - ma me - a!

Text: Luke 1:46, *My soul magnifies the Lord*; Taizé Community, 1978  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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Psalm Tone: Mode 6



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
In every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit."

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
And has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
For he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his children for ever."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: *Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise;  
from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord.*

## GOSPEL

65. The deacon (or, in his absence, the Priest) proclaims the gospel. All stand.

*During the Easter Season*

John 19:25-27 Woman, this is your son. This is your mother.

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John.**

**Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother, his mother's sister,  
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.  
Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved,  
Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, there is your son."  
In turn, he said to the disciple, "There is **your** mother."  
From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care.**

**The gospel of the Lord.**

All: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

66. The minister may give those present a brief explanation of the Scripture readings and the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation.

## Rite of Crowning

### THANKSGIVING AND INVOCATION

67. After the homily, the minister stands before the image of the Mother of God and alternates saying the prayer of thanksgiving and invocation with the congregation.

**Minister: Lord, we bless you, for you are full of mercy and justice: you humble the proud and exalt the lowly.**

All respond: You gave us the highest example of your divine wisdom in the mystery of the Word made **flesh** and of his virgin Mother.

**Minister: Your Son, humbled by death, rose glorious at your right hand, the King of all creation.**

All respond: The Virgin, who acknowledged herself to be a servant, became the Mother of our Redeemer and of those reborn in her Son. Now, raised above the angels, she prays for all: the Queen of mercy and grace.

**Minister: Bless us as we crown this image of Christ and his Mother.**

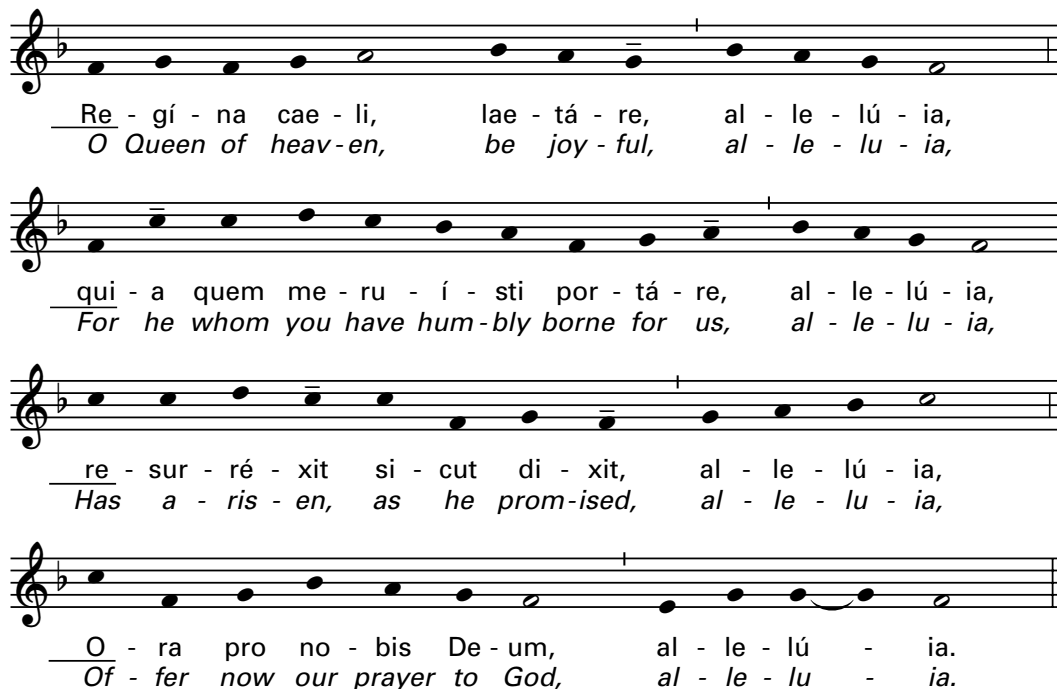
All respond: We confess Christ to be the King of creation and call upon Mary, our Queen. May we walk **in** their likeness spending ourselves for the sake of others. Content with our place in this life may we one day hear your voice inviting us to take our place in heaven and receive the crown of victory.

### CROWNING

68. The minister or another person places the crown on the image of Mary. **If the image is of both Mary and the infant Jesus, the image of Christ is crowned before that of the Virgin Mary.** As the image is crowned an appropriate song is sung.

## REGINA CAELI

REGINA CAELI LAETARE



Re - gi - na cae - li,      lae - tá - re,      al - le - lú - ia,  
O Queen of heav-en,      be joy - ful,      al - le - lu - ia,

qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re,      al - le - lú - ia,  
For he whom you have hum-bly borne for us,      al - le - lu - ia,

re - sur - ré - xit si - cut di - xit,      al - le - lú - ia,  
Has a - ris - en, as he prom-ised,      al - le - lu - ia,

O - ra pro no - bis De - um,      al - le - lú - ia.  
Of - fer now our prayer to God,      al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Irregular; Latin, 12th cent.; tr. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1867–1944, alt. Music: Chant, Mode VI; fr. the *Liber Cantualis*, 1983.

## LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

69. After the crowning, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is sung or recited. A cantor or other minister sings or recites the invocations and all respond.

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

God our Father in heaven  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world  
God the Holy Spirit  
Holy Trinity, one God

have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.

Holy Mary  
Holy Mother of God  
Most honored of virgins  
Chosen daughter of the Father

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
etc.



Mother of Christ the King  
Glory of the Holy Spirit  
Virgin daughter of Zion  
Virgin poor and humble  
Virgin gentle and obedient  
Handmaid of the Lord  
Mother of the Lord.  
Helper of the Redeemer  
Full of grace  
Fountain of beauty  
Model of *virtue*  
Finest fruit of the redemption  
Perfect disciple of Christ  
Untarnished image of the Church  
Woman transformed  
Woman clothed with the sun  
Woman crowned with stars  
Gentle Lady  
Gracious Lady  
Our Lady  
Joy of Israel  
Splendor of the Church  
Pride of the human race  
Advocate of peace  
Minister of holiness  
Champion of God's people  
Queen of *love*  
Queen of mercy  
Queen of peace  
Queen of angels  
Queen of patriarchs and prophets  
Queen of apostles and martyrs  
Queen of confessors and virgins  
Queen of all saints  
Queen conceived without original *sin*  
Queen assumed into heaven  
Queen of all the earth  
Queen of heaven  
Queen of the universe

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
etc.

pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
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**All: Spare us, O Lord.**  
**All: Hear us, O Lord.**  
**All: Have mercy on us.**

**Minister: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,.**

All respond: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The minister concludes the litany with the following prayer:

**Minister: God of mercy, listen to the prayers of your servants  
who have honored your handmaid Mary as Mother and Queen.  
Grant that by your grace we may serve you  
and our neighbor on earth  
and be welcomed into your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All respond: Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

70. After the litany the minister says:

**Minister: Gracious Lord, with love and devotion  
we have honored the holy Mother of God.  
May she continue to intercede for us  
with Jesus Christ her Son, now and for ever.**

All respond: Amen.

A priest or deacon adds:

**Minister: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, +  
and the Holy Spirit.**


All respond: Amen.

71. The celebration should end with a song.

# HAIL, HOLY QUEEN


SALVE REGINA COELITUM

Verses



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma - ri - a! Hail,  
2. Our life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma - ri - a! Our  
3. And when our life - breath leaves \_\_\_ us, O Ma - ri - a! Show

Refrain



1. moth - er of mer - cy and of love.)  
2. hope \_\_\_ in sor - row and in woe. } O Ma - ri - a! Tri - umph,  
3. us \_\_\_ thy Son, Christ Je - sus. }



all ye cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye ser - a - phim! Heav' n and earth re -



sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na!

Text: 84 84 with refrain; *Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae*, ca. 1080; tr. anon. in *Roman Hymnal*, 1884.  
Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753–1810; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808.