

**12 SEPTEMBER**  
**HOLY NAME OF MARY**  
**Titular Feast of the Society of Mary**  
Solemnity

**Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Judith 13:18-19)**

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High,  
Above all women on earth;  
For he has so exalted your name  
That your praise shall be undying on our lips.

**Collect**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
to look upon the lowliness of your servants  
who labour under the name of Mary;  
do great things through them (us),  
filling them (us) with the spirit of their (our) Mother  
so that, not seeking their (our) own interests  
but those of Christ alone,  
they (we) may lead their (our) fellow men and women to the light of the Gospel.  
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.

**Liturgy of the Word.**

First Reading - Zechariah 8: 6-13;

Psalm 112: 1-9 with response: *From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the Lord;*

Second Reading - Acts 1:12-14;

Alleluia Verse - *Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled;*

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38 or Mark 6: 1-6 or John 19: 25-28.

Alternate readings may be selected from the Common of the BVM.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept our gifts, O Lord,  
and enlighten our hearts and minds with you Spirit,  
so that like Mary we may cling to Christ your Son,  
living for him alone and pleasing to him in all things.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Preface**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
and to praise, bless, and glorify your name  
on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

for she received your Word in the purity of her heart  
and conceived him in her virgin's womb;  
she fostered the first beginnings of the Church  
by giving birth to Christ its Head and Founder;  
she accepted your parting gift of love as she stood beside the Cross  
and so became the Mother of all the living,  
her children brought to new life through the death of her Son.  
One in prayer with the Apostles  
as they waited for the promised gift of your Spirit  
she became the perfect pattern of the Church at prayer;  
raised to the glory of heaven,  
she cares for the pilgrim Church with a mother's love,  
following its progress homewards  
until the day of the Lord dawns in splendour.  
And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

**Communion Antiphon (Cf. Luke 1:48)**

All generations will call be blessed,  
for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.

**Prayer after Communion.**

O Lord,  
you have been strengthened us at the table of your Word and Sacrament,  
grant that following in Mary's footsteps  
we may be hidden and unknown in this world  
so that the figure of Christ may manifest himself to others in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Solemn Blessing**

God our all-powerful Father  
has bestowed on you the name of Mary.  
In keeping with her example at Nazareth,  
may you listen with attentiveness to his Word  
and carry it to fulfilment in all you do.

R. Amen.

He has given you the Early Church  
as the only model of your life together:  
may he make you one in heart and mind  
with your brothers (and sisters).

R. Amen.

And so, joyfully doing the Father's will,  
trusting in the power of Christ alone,  
may you prepare the way for the coming of the Kingdom.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.