

PROPER OF THE MASS

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MOTHER OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

SOLEMNITY

NOVEMBER 12

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Can a mother forget her infant, and not have pity on the child of her womb? Even if a mother should forget, I will never forget you. Is. 49:15

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
your loving Providence is always wise and unfailing;
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of Divine Providence,
remove from us all that would harm us,
and grant us all that will be for our good.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Is. 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
all you who love her;
exult, exult with her,
all you who were mourning over her!
Oh, that you may suck fully
of the milk of her comfort,
that you may nurse with delight
at her abundant breasts!
For thus says the Lord:
Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem

like a river, and the wealth of the nations like
an overflowing torrent.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,
and fondled in her lap;

as a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;

in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice,
and your bodies flourish like the grass;

the Lord's power shall be known to his servants,
but to his enemies his wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 131: 1-3

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Lord, my heart is not proud;

nor are my eyes haughty;

I do not busy myself with great matters,
with things too sublime for me.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Rather, I have stilled my soul,
hushed it like a weaned child.

Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

Israel, hope in the Lord,
now and for ever.

In you my soul takes refuge, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Gal. 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, in order to redeem those who were
under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit
of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

John 2:1

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
 and the mother of Jesus was there.
 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
 When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus
 said to him, "They have no wine."
 And Jesus said to her,
 "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
 My hour has not yet come."
 His mother said to the servers,
 "Do whatever he tells you."
 Now there were six stone water jars for Jewish
 ceremonial washings, each holding twenty
 to thirty gallons.
 Jesus told the servers, "Fill the jars with water."
 So they filled them to the brim.
 Then Jesus told them, "Draw some out now
 and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.
 And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had
 become wine,
 without knowing where it came from
 (although the servers who had drawn the water knew),
 the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
 "Everyone serves good wine first,
 and then when people have drunk freely,
 an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until
 now."
 Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in
 Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began
 to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
 in your goodness
 accept the gifts of your Church,
 so that, through the intercession
 of the Mother of your Son,
 we may receive your mercy and grace
 in our time of need.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
 we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the wisdom of your Providence
 the Blessed Virgin Mary
 was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit
 and gave birth to the savior of the world.
 In Cana of Galilee,
 when she interceded with her Son
 for the bridegroom and bride,
 he gave the first of his signs:
 water was turned into wine,
 the wedding guests rejoiced,
 and the disciples believed in their Master.

Now enthroned as queen at her Son's right hand,

she provides for all the needs of the Church
as the handmaid of your love,
and as a mother who cares for each of her children,
entrusted to her by Christ Jesus
while he hung upon the cross.

Now with all the saints and angels,
we praise you for ever:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are said of you, Virgin Mary,
for the Almighty has done great things for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy,
let this heavenly table continue to strengthen
your faithful people, so that, through the intercession
of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence,
we may seek your kingdom and its justice above all else,
and receive your help for our earthly needs.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.