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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**Entrance Hymn: Hail, Holy Mother of the Universe**

Hail, Holy Mother of the universe  
You bore the King of heaven and of earth  
Who rules for evermore, May all your praises sing  
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

My heart is overcome by noble themes  
My song of songs is only for the king!  
And as a writer's nimble pen, my soul may sing  
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

O hearken, daughter, fair and lovely one,  
Forget the people of your land and home,

Leave father, mother, brothers, sisters all behind  
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

With golden robes you are bedecked today  
And by the king adored, in rich array.  
Your followers will come with joy before the Lord  
Most highly favoured Lady, Gloria!

Give glory to the Father, and the Son,  
The Spirit equally, the Three in One,  
For as it was in the beginning and is now,  
It will be for all ages. Gloria!

Ant.: Sedulius; Vss.: Psalm 45:2, 11-12, 14-16 Christoph Tietze  
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**Psalm Antiphon**     *Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2*  
(R.)     May God bless us in his mercy.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### **Hymn: Ave Maria**

### **Communion Hymn: Behold, a rose e'er blooming**

Behold, a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem has sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as those of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
where half spent was the night.

Isaiah had foretold it,  
this rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it,  
the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright.

she bore to us a Saviour  
when half spent was the night.

O flow'r whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness ev'ry where  
as human yet true God  
from sin and death now save us  
and share our ev'ry load.

Text: based on Isaiah 11:1; Anon, German, 15th cent; Speier Gebetbuch 1599; trans Theodore Baker 1851-1934, alt.

### **Communion Hymn: What Child is This**

What child is this, who laid to rest  
on Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds worship and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him praise,  
the Babe, the son of Mary

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Come have no fear, God's Son is here,  
his love all loves exceeding:  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the Babe,  
the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
all tongues and peoples own him,  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let ev'ry heart enthrone him:  
Raise, raise your song on high while  
Mary sings a lullaby, joy, joy, for Christ  
is born, the Babe, the son of Mary

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898

Tune: GREENSLEEVES 87.87.68.67; Trad English melody

## Recessional Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem:  
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth:  
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the new-born King."

*Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.*

*Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47, adapt WH Cummings 1831-1915*

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