

# St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord – August 15

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## Introit

*I will bless the Lord at / all times;*

*His praise shall continually be / in my mouth.*

My soul shall make its boast / in the Lord;

The humble shall hear of it / and be glad.

Oh, magnify the / Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name to- / gether.

I sought the Lord, and He / heard me,

And delivered me from / all my fears.

They looked to Him and were / radiant,

And their faces were / not ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*

and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be- / ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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His praise shall continually be / in my mouth.

*(Ant. Ps 34:1; Psalm 34:2-5)*

## Collect

Grant, we humbly pray, O Lord, to your servants the gift of your heavenly blessing that, as the Son of the Virgin Mary has granted us salvation, we may daily grow in your favor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

## Old Testament: Isaiah 61:(7-9) 10-11

## Gradual

Because of truth, humility and / righteousness.

Your right hand shall teach you / awesome things.

Listen, O daughter, consider and in- / cline your ear;

So the King shall desire your / beauty. *(Psalm 45:4b, 10)*

## Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

## Alleluia Verse

Alleluia. Alleluia. So the King will greatly  
desire your / beauty;



Because He is your Lord, worship Him. Alle- / luia. *(Psalm 45:11)*

## Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:46-55

## Offertory

The royal daughter is all glorious within the / palace;

Her clothing is wov- / en with gold.

She shall be brought to the King in robes of many / colors;

The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be / brought to You.

With gladness and rejoicing they / shall be brought;

They shall enter the King's / palace. *(Psalm 45:13-15)*

## Secret

O Lord, as you humbly partook of our human flesh from the blessed Virgin Mary, grant that we who discern your Body and Blood in this Sacrament might partake of your blessings of forgiveness and life for the restoration of our flesh; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## Communion

Instead of Your fathers shall / be Your sons,

Whom You shall make princes in / all the earth.

I will make Your name to be remembered in all gene- / rations;

Therefore the people shall praise You forever and / ever. *(Psalm 45:16-17)*

## Postcommunion

Having been made partakers of Your heavenly banquet, we implore your mercy, O Lord, so that you rule and govern our hearts and minds according to your will; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

From Martin Luther's Sermon for  
The Day of Mary's Visitation [1532 A.D.]  
Luke 1:39-56

3. . . . [The Virgin Mary] thanks God and sings a beautiful song of praise for us, so that we might learn to live godly lives, both inwardly and outwardly in this world, with joyfulness, thanksgiving, and faith before our God, which is our reasonable service.

5. The beloved Virgin adorns herself beautifully by not becoming proud of the honor she has of being the mother of God, to give birth to the Son of God. No one would have been surprised, had she succumbed to haughty arrogance and become more puffed up than Lucifer and his allies. For look how we act, bag of worms that we are! Give us a penny or a gulden, and people can't bear with us blown-up peacocks! A dairymaid with beautiful hair puffs herself up and becomes vain; so too, a young fellow with a splendid coat. Everybody becomes proud, and insolent when they possess something special, be it beauty, skill, money, rank, or whatever; their arrogance knows no limit or bounds. Yet everything is like the dust of the street compared to the great grace which the Virgin has here.

9-11. . . . Mary will cut the ground from under all arrogant people. . . . She is the mother of God and the greatest of women in heaven and on earth. [Yet], she forgets all else, every good thing, and with truly humble heart sets out on her way, not ashamed to wash diapers, gently care for and bathe the infant . . . , and so on. Such humility is truly something to behold. It would have been fitting had someone provided her with a gold carriage to ride in, drawn by four thousand horses, with trumpets heralding the carriage's coming, proclaiming that the greatest of all women was approaching, the princess of the whole human race! But there was nothing like this. . . . Men and women everywhere ought to form a picture of this in their hearts and be horrified because of their obstinate minds.

30. Now, dear Virgin, would it then not be time, just once, to show some pride, since the whole world is supposed to extol and praise you? No, she says, for that reason I will not become proud. What causes me to rejoice, however, is that I am a lowly, despised maiden, and yet God, my Lord, has not despised me but looked on me in grace. . . . But God, who created heaven and earth, turned his eyes graciously toward me, singling me out for this great work.

32. . . . also, Mary . . . acknowledges, God has done much good not only to me but also to others. [Thus] she so precisely ties together God's mercy and the fear of God, that where a person fears God, he will be merciful; on the other hand, where one does not fear God, there no mercy or grace will be shown but punishment and wrath.

*“ . . . he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. . . . for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”*

**Luke 1:48-49**



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