

The following pages contain information that will assist you in preparing your liturgy for the date below. The two pages that include music suggestions, Elaine Rendler's column and the music planning template, come from *Today's Liturgy*, a liturgy preparation magazine published quarterly by OCP. The page with a suggested introduction to Mass and general intercessions comes from *Prayer of the Faithful*, a resource for liturgy preparation published annually by OCP. Paul Covino's ritual commentary and the bulletin note and image come from Liturgy.com.

Blessed Virgin Mary

January 1, 2010, Year C

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

BB	<i>Breaking Bread</i> (published yearly)	R, R2	<i>Rise Up and Sing</i> (young people)
CM	<i>Companion Missal</i> (published yearly)	SS1, SS2 . . .	<i>Spirit & Song</i> and <i>Spirit & Song</i> (Volume 2) (young adults)
CP2	<i>Choral Praise Comprehensive</i> (Second Edition)	TM	<i>Today's Missal</i> (published three times yearly)
GP2	<i>Glory & Praise</i> (Second Edition)	UC	<i>United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo 2009-2011, music resource</i>
H	<i>Heritage Missal</i> (published yearly)	VOZ	<i>One Faith/Una Voz</i> (hymnal)
J, J2	<i>Journeysongs</i> (hymnal) <i>Journeysongs</i> (Second Edition)	♣	Trinitas (collection)
MI	<i>Music Issue</i> (published yearly)	♪	Octavo
NTY	<i>Never Too Young: Spirit & Song for Young People</i>		

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

See page 72 for an abbreviation key.

For additional music suggestions, visit liturgy.com.

ENTRANCE/GATHERING SONG

Bright as the Sun, Fair as the Moon TRURO BB 212 J2 520 TM 144
On This Day, the First of Days LÜBECK BB/MI 728 CM 77 CP2 303
GP2 413 H 290 J 475 J2 468 UC 462 VOZ 503
Sing a New Song (Schutte) BB/MI 584 CM 154 CP2 372 GP2 670
H 377 J 650 J2 607 R 41 R2 252 UC 722 VOZ 564 OCP 9496TL
Let the Heavens Be Glad (Feiten) BB/MI 609 CP2 467 J 626 J2 684
Mary, Woman of the Promise DRAKES BROUGHTON BB/MI 720 J2 496
Song of Mary SONG OF MARY BB/MI 712 H 313 J 966 J2 498
OCP 11034TL
Sing a New Song (Brown) BB/MI 570 CP2 378 GP2 692 H 386 J 918
UC 701 VOZ 585
All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH BB/MI 313
CM 97 CP2 473 GP2 535 H 483 J 374 J2 604 UC 519 VOZ 785
Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT BB/MI 97 CP2 233 GP2 325
H 216 J 219 J2 352 NTY 158 R 110 R2 113 SS1 114 TM 80
UC 341 VOZ 374 OCP 11276TL

RESPONSORIAL PSALM AND GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Respond and Acclaim (Alstott) 26–27

A Lectionary Psalter (Schiavone) 27, 226

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

See Amid the Winter's Snow WINTER'S SNOW BB/MI 91 GP2 332
J 889 J2 356 TM 74 OCP 9800TL
Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord (Foster) BB/MI 491
Litany of Peace (Bridge) BB/MI 492 OCP 20373TL
Let There Be Peace on Earth (Jackson/Miller) BB/MI 497 CM 123
CP2 449 GP2 655 H 463 J 565 J2 739 R 28 R2 221 UC 625
VOZ 719
Ave Maria (Norbet) BB/MI 713 GP2 429 H 309 J 886 J2 504
OCP 10001TL
Ave Maria/Hail, Mary (Chant, Mode I) BB/MI 709 CP2 318 H 315
J 509 J2 493 UC 483 VOZ 526
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) BB/MI 714 CM 94 CP2 319
GP2 426 H 310 J 739 J2 489 NTY 202 R2 174 SS2 336 UC 478
VOZ 521 OCP 5554TL
There Is Nothing Told (Willcock) BB/MI 718 GP2 431 J 902 J2 502
OCP 10157TL

COMMUNION SONG

O Holy Mary (Alstott) BB/MI 721 J 499 J2 494 UC 476 OCP 8724TL
Litany of Peace (Schutte) BB/MI 496 OCP 20699TL
Prayer of St. Francis/Oración de San Francisco (Temple) BB/MI 495
CM 122 CP2 452 GP2 651 H 461 J 759 J2 738 NTY 136 R 116
R2 222 SS1 199 UC 623 VOZ 720 OCP 10762TL
Benediction (Stephan) BB/MI 374 OCP 20298TL
Dona Nobis Pacem (Norbet) BB/MI 498 H 464 J2 744 OCP 10808TL
Holy Is His Name (Talbot) BB/MI 711 CP2 325 GP2 433 H 316
J2 505 NTY 201 SS1 95 UC 490 VOZ 535 OCP 10491TL
Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell) BB/MI 546 CM 110 GP2 656 J 887
NTY 8 SS1 105 UC 783 VOZ 625 OCP 10087TL
Today Is Born Our Savior/Alleluia (Inwood) BB/MI 77 TM 60
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
BB/MI 98 CM 33 CP2 226 GP2 320 H 218 J 168 J2 338 TM 81
UC 343 VOZ 400
In Faith, in Hope (Walker/Somers) BB/MI 402 OCP 11932TL
May God Bless and Keep You (C. Walker) BB/MI 373 GP2 623 J 529
J2 827 R 211 R2 310 OCP 9225TL

Celebrating Mary's motherhood is an ancient tradition that dates back as far as the third century when Mary was referred to as *Theotokos* or "God-bearer." She was first singled-out in relation to her son. Her titles such as Queen and Our Lady came later in history. Since *Theotokos* is her first title, it is revered. In the fifth century, Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople, insisted that Mary was the mother of the human Jesus, but not the mother of his divine nature. Believing that there are two separate natures in Christ (divine and human) is known as Nestorianism. This theory was condemned by the Council of Ephesus (431 AD) and again at the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD). Since Christ is fully human and fully divine, and since those natures are perfectly united in hypostatic union, Mary is rightfully called the Mother of God.

After the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), in keeping with the tradition of celebrating a feast of Mary at the end of the octave of Christmas, Pope Paul VI's *Marialis Cultus* (1974) changed the name of the January 1 feast from the Circumcision to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and also "assigned to it the observance of World Day of Peace." Christmas celebrates the Prince of Peace. Thus the octave ends celebrating the Queen of Peace.

A word about the (former) feast of the Circumcision: the Church never celebrated Jesus' circumcision *per se*. The feast of the Circumcision provided the occasion for the Holy Family to go to the Temple where Simeon, the holy priest, would validate that this Child was indeed the Messiah.

Check out Dan Schutte's "Litany of Peace" (BB/MI 496, www.ocp.org/songs/77951). It is very versatile, especially for today.

— Elaine Rendler-McQueeney

SONG OF PRAISE OR SENDING FORTH

Let It Be Done to Us (Hurd) BB/MI 706 OCP 20185TL
Hail, Mary, Our Icon (Crandal/Dufner) MILL PLAIN BB/MI 722
OCP 11032TL
This Is Our Cry (Whitaker) BB/MI 490 OCP 12887TL
City of God (Schutte) BB/MI 384 CM 117 CP2 509 GP2 548
H 522 J 561 J2 830 NTY 9 R2 278 SS1 106 UC 592 VOZ 742
OCP 9739TL
Let Heaven Rejoice (B. Dufford) BB/MI 619 CP2 286 GP2 392 H 274
J 638 J2 435 R 38 R2 144 UC 360 VOZ 393 OCP 10479TL
All the Ends of the Earth (B. Dufford) BB/MI 573 CP2 363 GP2 683
H 369 J 582 J2 595 UC 720 VOZ 571 OCP 10475TL
He Is the Lord (Haas) BB/MI 568 CP2 377 H 383 J 631 J2 606
OCP 9343-ZTL
Song of Mary SONG OF MARY BB/MI 712 H 313 J 966 J2 498
OCP 11034TL
Luke 1: Magnificat (Farrell/Alstott) BB/MI 835 CP2 106 H 182 J 967
J2 11 UC 243 VOZ 528 OCP 10370TL
Laudate, Laudate Dominum (C. Walker) BB/MI 578 J 964 J2 598
OCP 10704TL

CHORAL

♣ Maria Durch Ein' Dornwald Ging (Willcock) OCP 4544TL
♣ There Is No Rose of Such Virtue (Miksch) OCP 4619TL
A Virgin Most Pure (C. Walker) OCP 12756TL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Time _____ Presiding Minister _____

Music Rehearsal/Liturgical Catechesis _____

Introduction, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 24 _____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance/Gathering Song _____

Rite of Sprinkling or Penitential Rite _____

Glory to God _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading _____ Responsorial Psalm _____

Second Reading _____ Gospel Acclamation _____

Gospel _____

Homily/Preaching _____

Dismissal of the Catechumens and Elect _____

General Intercessions, see *Prayer of the Faithful*, page 24 _____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music for Preparation of the Gifts _____

Eucharistic Acclamations _____

Holy _____

Memorial Acclamation _____ Great Amen _____

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer _____

Lamb of God _____

Communion Processional _____

Psalm or Hymn of Praise/Instrumental or Silence _____

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth _____

Choral Anthem of the Day _____

Prelude/Postlude _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See Isaiah 9:2, 6; Luke 1:33

A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.

Or

Sedulius

Hail, holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the king of heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22–27 (18ABC)

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4–7

When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call, “Abba, Father!”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 1:1–2

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16–21

On the eighth day, Mary's child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, that is, “God saves.” Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

The new year brings the hope of better lives.
Today we joyfully celebrate Mary, Mother of God,
who named her son Jesus, that is, “God Saves.”

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, son of Mary, sent to save us. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, son of Mary, anointed of the Father. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, son of Mary, conqueror of death. Lord, have mercy.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

In her heart, Mary pondered God’s wondrous gifts.
We speak from our hearts, bringing our concerns to God.

Leader

- A For all who serve God’s people,
we pray to the Lord:
 - B For all who seek practical paths to peace,
we pray to the Lord:
 - C For all who study the mysteries of God’s creation,
and for those guarding our welfare,
we pray to the Lord:
For all who empower and support women,
for teachers and role models,
we pray to the Lord:
 - D For all gathered here,
for all who have shared our celebration in the past year,
and for all who will join us in the year to come,
we pray to the Lord:
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Presiding Minister

Father of all graces, hear these and all our prayers.
Make us as faithful to your service as Mary was.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Ritual Notes

by Paul Covino, from *Today's Liturgy* 2010

The greeting at #1549 in the *Book of Blessings* ("May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, be with you all"; Liturgical Press) and today's alternative opening prayer in the *Sacramentary* situate today's solemnity within the Christmas season. The *Sacramentary* indicates that the preface for "Blessed Virgin Mary I" (P56) is used today. The title of today's solemnity is added in the first paragraph of this preface so that it reads "we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks on the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God." There is also a preface for "Mary, Mother of the Savior" in the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Sacramentary* (P5; Liturgical Press, 800-858-5450, litpress.org). The solemn blessing for Christmas (#2), the beginning of the new year (#3) or the Blessed Virgin Mary (#15) would be appropriate choices today, as would the blessing of Aaron (#10) which is part of today's first reading.

The prayers for the beginning of the civil year (#24 under "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" in the *Sacramentary*) may not be used in place of the prayers for today's solemnity. However, the opening prayer for the beginning of the civil year makes a good concluding prayer for the prayer of the faithful today.

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GOD BEARER

In the year 431 the Council of Ephesus gave the Blessed Virgin Mary the proud title of "Mother of God" or *theotokos*—the bearer of God. This "job/task" gives her a special place in the whole Christian family. Without her "yes," God's entire plan would have been different. But before, during and afterward, she is very much a human mother, though containing in her womb that which all of creation could not contain. Today we honor her for her task well done and for all her motherly care.

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