

# SOCIETY OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

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## SATURDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Entrance Song Acts 1:14

**T**he disciples joined in continuous prayer together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Alleluia.

### Collect

**O** God, Who bestowed the Holy Spirit on Your Apostles while they prayed with one mind with Mary, the Mother of Jesus; grant that, under the protection of the same holy Virgin, our Mother and Queen of Apostles, we may faithfully serve Your Majesty and receive strength to spread abroad by word and example the Glory of Your Name. Through Jesus Christ...

READING I Jdt 13:22-26

### A reading from the book of Judith

May you be blessed, my daughter, by God Most High  
beyond all women on earth.

**B**lessings on You, O our God, for confounding Your people's enemies today! Uzziah then said to Judith: 'May you be blessed, my daughter, by God Most High,  
beyond all women on earth;

and may the Lord God be blessed, the Creator of heaven and earth, by whose guidance you cut off the head of the leader of our enemies.

The trust you have shown shall not pass from the memories of men, but shall ever remind them of the power of God.

God grant you to be always held in honor,

and rewarded with blessings, since you did not consider your own life when our nation was brought to its knees,

but warded off our ruin, walking undeterred before our God.

All the people answered, 'Amen! Amen!'

This is the word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10a

R. Cf. Ps. 24, 5

**R.** Mary received a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God her Savior.

**R.** Or: Alleluia

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all you lands.  
sing to the Lord, bless his name.

**R.** Mary received a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God her Savior.

**R.** Or: Alleluia

Announce his salvation, day after day.

tell his glory among the nations;  
among all people, his wondrous deeds.

**R.** Mary received a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God her Savior.

**R.** Or: Alleluia

Give to the Lord, you families of nations,  
give to the Lord glory and praise;  
give to the Lord the glory due his name!

**R.** Mary received a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God her Savior.

**R.** Or: Alleluia

Worship the Lord in holy attire.  
Tremble before him, all the earth;  
say among the nations: the Lord is king.

**R.** Mary received a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God her Savior.

**R.** Or: Alleluia

## READING II

Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

All these joined in continuous prayer,  
together with several women, including Mary,  
the mother of Jesus.

**A**fter that, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of

Olives, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Jude, son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

When Pentecost day came around, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from Heaven, the noise of which filled the whole house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

This is the word of the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel

**R.** Alleluia

Mary, the Queen of heaven and earth, stood sorrowful under the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R.** Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Jn 19:25-27

✱ A reading from the holy gospel  
according to John

Then to the disciple He said,  
"This is your mother."

**A**t that time, near the cross of Jesus stood His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and

**Mary of Magdala. Seeing His mother and the disciple He loved standing near her, Jesus said to His mother, "Woman, this is your son." Then to the disciple He said, "This is your mother." And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

**L**ord, through Your mercy and the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may this offering of ours procure the growth of the Church in the number of her faithful members and her continual splendor in the variety of their virtues. Through Christ Our Lord.

#### **PREFACE**

**The Blessed Virgin as Queen  
of apostles**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living  
God,**

**we do well always and everywhere to  
give you thanks**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**as we recall the memory of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary,  
the first to proclaim Christ,  
even before the apostles.**

**Guided by the Holy Spirit,  
she hastened to bring her Son to John,  
that he might be sanctified and filled  
with joy.**

**It was the same Spirit,  
who made Peter and the other apostles  
fearless in preaching the Gospel to all  
nations,  
with its saving message of life in Christ.**

**In our own day the Blessed Virgin  
inspires new preachers of the Gospel,  
cherishes them with a mother's love,  
and sustains them by her unceasing  
prayer  
as they bring the good news of Christ  
the Savior  
to all the world.**

**With all the saints and angels  
we praise you for ever:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Communion Song**

**Luke 1:49**

**T**he Almighty has done great things  
to me. Holy is His name.

**Luke 11:27**

**H**appy is the womb of the Virgin  
Mary, which bore the Son of the  
Eternal Father.

**Prayer after Communion**

**O** Lord, we have received this aid to our salvation; grant us, we beseech You, that on this day of the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apos-

tes, Your people may continue doing Your will at the service of men, women and for the benefit of their salvation. Through Christ Our Lord.

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