



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Our Lady of the Rosary

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First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



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Responsorial Psalm

Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

He has mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty.



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R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

R. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

R. Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.



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Alleluia

see Lk 1:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

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Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.