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**The Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Responsorial Psalm**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

*1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd*

***R. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.***

"My heart exults in the LORD, my horn is exalted by my God. I have swallowed up my enemies; I rejoice in your victory.

***R. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.***

"The bows of the mighty are broken, while the tottering gird on strength. The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, while the hungry no longer have to toil. The barren wife bears seven sons, while the mother of many languishes.

***R. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.***

"The LORD puts to death and gives life, casts down to Sheol and brings up again. The LORD makes poor and makes rich, humbles, and also exalts.

***R. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.***

He raises the needy from the dust; from the ash heap lifts up the poor, to seat them with nobles and make a glorious throne their heritage.

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**Psalm**

*Jdt 13:18bcde, 19*

***R. You are the highest honor of our race.***

"Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth."

***R. You are the highest honor of our race.***

Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those who recall the might of God.

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**Psalm**

*Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17*

***R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.***

Listen, my daughter, and understand; pay me careful heed. Forget your people and your father's house, that the king might desire your beauty. He is your lord; and you must worship him.

***R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.***

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters, her raiment threaded with gold; In embroidered apparel she is led to the king. The maids of her train are presented to the king.

***R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.***

They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim; they enter the palace of the king. The throne of your fathers your sons will have; you shall make them princes through all the land.

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**Psalm**

*Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7*

***R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.***

***Or Alleluia.***

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

***R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.***

***Or Alleluia.***

From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the LORD be praised. High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens his glory.

***R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.***

***Or Alleluia.***

Who is like the LORD our God, enthroned on high, looking down on heaven and earth?

***R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.***

***Or Alleluia.***

He raises the needy from the dust, lifts the poor from the ash heap, Seats them with princes, the princes of the people.

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*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.  
Or O'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.  
Or O'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.  
Or O'Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.***

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

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