

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

Brothers and Sisters let us ask God our Father, that the work we begin today will contribute to the building up of His Kingdom and join us in faith and love to Christ, who is the cornerstone.

1. Lord God, you have given us the knowledge and power to become your co-workers, use each one of us for your glory and honor.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.
2. Through your Son you have chosen to build your Church upon solid rock, bless and provide our needs to complete this construction successfully.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.
3. Through the Spirit of your Son you form us into a spiritual house where you make your dwelling place; come, stay with us.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.
4. You inspire in us the firm hope that the building of our Cathedral will be brought to completion with your protection.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.
5. Lord melt and mould the hearts of our benefactors and donors, so that we may be able to build your Church on time.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.
6. Bless all our benefactors donors and Parishioners for their support, and good will.
Let us pray to the Lord: Lord hear us.

Heavenly Father, with much labor you shape and polish us, into living stones until you make us worthy, to be built up into a new and holy Jerusalem. Bless the works of our hands and increase our faith and love, we ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

OUR LADY OF ARABIA

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18.

Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed the judgment against you; he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6.

Comes in our midst the God of glory.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he is my savior. **RES:**

2. With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. **RES:**
3. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples, declare the greatness of his name. **RES:**
4. Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds; make them known to all the earth. People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst the Holy One of Israel. **RES:**

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter. 2:1-6, 9-10.

Brothers and sisters:

Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander; like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow into salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in scripture: "Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame".

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were "no-people" but now you are God's people; you "had not received mercy" but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA !

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for you have belived;

The word of the Lord has been fulfilled in you.

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-56.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth

heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generation will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever".

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow till the words 'Virgin Mary') who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN.