THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PILLAR OF FAITH



On the Occasion of the 225th Anniversary of the founding of the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, VA

October 10, 2020

Mary, Virgin Mother, you are like the pillar of light that, day and night, went before God's people to direct their footsteps through the wilderness..

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Judith 12: 14, 17-20

Judith urged them with a loud voice: "Praise God, praise God! Praise God who has not withdrawn his mercy from the house of Israel, but has shattered our enemies by my hand this very night." All the people were greatly astonished. They bowed down and worshiped God, saying with one accord, "Blessed are you, our God, who today have brought to naught the enemies of your people." Then Uzziah said to her: "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, who guided your blow at the head of the chief of our enemies. Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those who tell of the might of God. May God make this redound to your everlasting honor, rewarding you with blessings, because you risked your life when your people were being oppressed, and you averted our disaster, walking uprightly before our God." All the people answered, "Amen! Amen!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27: 1, 3, 4, 5

R. Your are my help, my saving God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 40: 3-4

R. God set my feet on rock and put a new song in my mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 11: 27-28

While Jesus was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

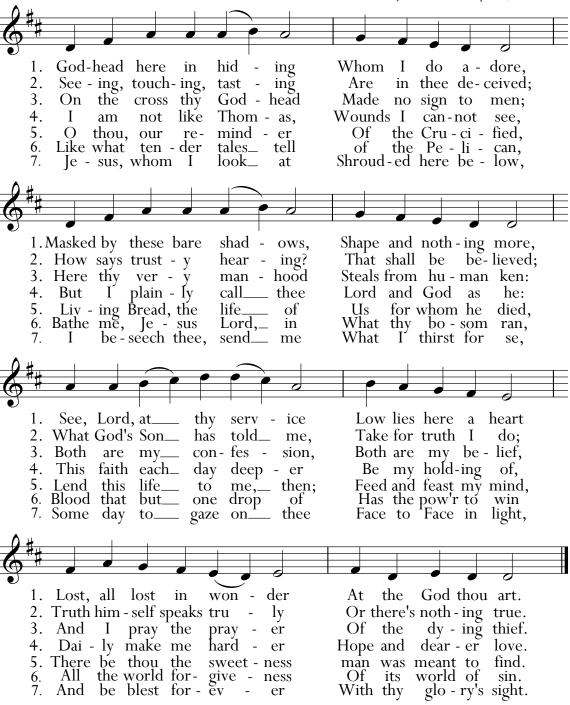
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

AMEN

OUR FATHER

Godhead Here in Hiding Adoro te Devote Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274 Tr. by Gerard M. Hopkins, 1844-1889



BLESSING

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