

MASS OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE  
Reconciler of Sinners  
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Psalm 145:8-9*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

*The Gloria is sung or said.*

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, by the precious blood of your Son,  
you reconciled the world to yourself  
and, as she stood beside his cross,  
made his Mother the Reconciler of sinners.  
By her kind intercession,  
may we obtain the forgiveness of our sins.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. (Amen)

ALTERNATIVE OPENING PRAYER

Merciful Father, there is no pledge to hope in,  
that your tender love has not offered.  
By the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Reconciler of sinners, whose feast we celebrate this day,  
strengthen our faith in your covenant  
and lead us to the abundant life you promise your people.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. (Amen)

A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

“See, I am now establishing my covenant  
with you and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you:  
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals  
that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures  
be destroyed by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood  
to devastate the earth.”

God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,  
of the covenant between me and you  
and every living creature with you:

I set my bow in the clouds  
to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,  
I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,  
so that the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy all mortal beings.

As the bow appears in the clouds,  
I will see it and recall the everlasting covenant  
that I have established between God and all living beings  
—all mortal creatures that are on earth.”

God told Noah: “This is the sign of the covenant I have established  
between me and all mortal creatures that are on earth.”

*The word of the Lord. (Thanks be to God.)*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Judith 13:18-20*

**Refrain:** Blessed are you among all women.

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God,  
above all the women on earth.

Blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth,  
by whose guidance you crushed the head  
of the leader of our enemies.

**Refrain:** Blessed are you among all women.

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

**Refrain:** Blessed are you among all women.

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 averted our disaster,  
walking uprightly before our God.

**Refrain:** Blessed are you among all women.

READING II      *We implore you, in Christ's name: Be reconciled to God!*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians      *5:17-20*

Brothers (and sisters):

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation.  
The old order has passed away; now all is new!

All this has been done by God, who has reconciled us to himself  
through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

I mean that God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting men's transgressions against them,  
and that he has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

This makes us ambassadors for Christ,  
God as it were appealing through us.

We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God!

*The word of the Lord. (Thanks be to God.)*

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. This is the sign of the covenant I have established  
between myself and every living creature on earth.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL      *There is your son. There is your mother.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John      19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother,  
his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.  
Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved,  
Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, there is your son."  
In turn he said to the disciple, "There is your mother."  
From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care.

*The gospel of the Lord. (Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.)*

*The Creed is said.*

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God,  
receive this sacrifice of expiation and praise.  
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Reconciler of sinners,  
may our offering obtain pardon for our sins  
and guidance for our troubled hearts.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. (Amen)

*Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All honor to you, Mary!  
You gave birth to the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we have celebrated the sacrament of our reconciliation  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
With the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary's prayers,  
may they fill our hearts with your mercy  
and the pledge of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. (Amen)

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