

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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"The Almighty has done great things for me; the Lord has lifted up the lowly."

Something to Think About

Today is a special day in the Church's calendar. It is the day we remember the end of Mary's life when she was taken up into heaven, body and soul. Like Mary, we hope and pray that one day we too will be with Jesus in heaven.

The Story

The gospel story remembers a special event in Mary's life when she visited her cousin Elizabeth. Both women were expecting babies. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth leapt for joy! Elizabeth recognises that Mary is the mother of the Lord and celebrates Mary's faith in God's promise.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

1:39-45

Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea.
She went into Zechariah's home,
where she greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
her baby moved within her.

The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth.
Then in a loud voice she said to Mary:
"God has blessed you more than any other woman!
He has also blessed the child you will have.
Why should the mother of my Lord come to me?"

As soon as I heard your greeting,
my baby became happy and moved within me.
The Lord has blessed you
because you believed that he will keep his promise."

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

Video

Click to watch the video: [Mary Visits Elizabeth](#)



Group Discussion

In today's gospel, both Mary and Elizabeth are expecting babies as a result of the promise of God. Has anyone ever made you a promise? As we heard in today's gospel, Mary was blessed because she believed that God would keep his promises to her.

We know that God promises to love and care for us always. Share aloud some of the things you know God has done for you, and give thanks with a joyful heart!

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader: We pray that, like Mary, we will have faith that God will keep his promises. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for joyful hearts to do whatever God asks of us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for kindness to visit friends or family members who are lonely. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray that we will thank God for the wonderful gifts we enjoy. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Like Mary, we praise you for keeping
your promises to us.
Help us to follow you even when we
don't understand everything.
Amen.

Group Activity

COLOUR IN

You will need: one colouring in sheet for each child, coloured pencils or markers.

Invite the children to add colour to the image of Mary and to think about how happy she would have been to be reunited with Jesus in heaven.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary is taken, body and soul, into heaven



Ask your mother to join you.
Both of you:
dress up to match Mary and
Jesus in this picture.
Then take a selfie
and paste it in here.

THE VIRGIN MARY IS IN HEAVEN WITH JESUS