



SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS & PRAYER

16th December 2023

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! a herald voice is calling:
"Christ is near," it seems to say;
"cast away the dreams of darkness,
waken, children of the day!"

See, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from
heav'n;

let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

COMMUNION RELECTION

O Mother, I could weep for
mirth,
Joy fills my heart so fast;
My soul today is heav'n on
earth,
Oh could the transport last.

The angels answer with their
songs,
Bright choirs in gleaming rows;
And saints flock round thy feet
in throngs,
And heaven with bliss o'erflows.

Refrain

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**I think of thee and what
thou art, Thy Majesty, thy
state;
And I keep singing in my
heart, Immaculate,
Immaculate.**

Conceived, conceived
Immaculate!
Oh what a joy for thee
Conceived, conceived
Immaculate!
Oh greater joy for me.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

The ark which God has
sanctified,
which he has filled with grace,
within the temple of the Lord
has found a resting place.

God-bearing Mother, Virgin
chaste,
who shines in heaven's sight;
she wears a royal crown of stars
who is the door of light.

More glorious than the
seraphim,
this ark of love divine;
corruption could not blemish her
whom death could not confine.

To Father, Son and Spirit blest
may we give endless praise
with Mary, who is queen of
heav'n,
through everlasting days.

SATURDAY MORNING MARIAN PRAYER

Holy Virgin, I beg you:
enable me to receive Jesus from the Spirit,
according to the same process
by which you bore him.
May my soul possess Christ,
thanks to the Spirit
through whom you conceived Christ.
May the grace to know Jesus
be granted to me through the Spirit
who enabled you to know how
to possess Jesus and bring him forth.
May my littleness show forth
the greatness of Christ
in virtue of the spirit
in whom you recognised yourself
as the handmaid of the Lord,
desiring that it be done to you
according to the word of the angel.
May I love Christ in the spirit
in whom you adored him as your Lord
and looked after him as your son.

AMEN



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