

Mary: Our Mother, our Model and Queen

Call to Prayer Leader: Together, with Mary, let us join our hearts and voices in praise and prayer to our God.

Hymn "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman" Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Reading In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, the angel said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." Luke 1: 26-28

Reflection In this brief encounter, Mary's life is forever changed and so is ours. Just when she thought she knew how things unfold, everything is turned upside down. Mary becomes the first disciple. In her, we have a mother and a model of what giving our lives to God means.

Response "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman" refrain
(and Crowning of Mary, if desired.)



Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us
wis-dom; teach us love.

Reflection/Sharing *How is Mary my mother, model as a woman? as a Lady of Charity?*

Prayer ALL: Loving Jesus, we thank you for Mary and honor her as the Mother of God and as our mother, our model and our queen. Help us follow her example of complete trust in You as we entrust our lives into Your hands. We pray this in Your name, Jesus, and through Your Spirit. Amen.
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Blessing Leader: May God keep alive in us unceasing prayers to Him and Mary.

ALL: Amen.

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