

Liturgy for the
Solemnity of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel



July 16

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

The glory of Lebanon is given to her, the beauty of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the splendour of our God. (Isaiah 35:2)

The **Gloria** is said or sung.

COLLECT

Let us pray
*[that Our Lady of Mount Carmel may intercede for us,
her children]*
All gracious God,
may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother and Queen of Carmel,
protect us,
and bring us to your holy mountain,
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings

1Kings 18:42b-25a

Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel and bowed down to the earth, putting his face between his knees. 'Now go up,' he told his servant 'and look out to sea,' He went up and looked. 'There is nothing at all,' he said. 'Go back seven times,' Elijah told said. The seventh time, the servant said, 'Now there is a cloud, small as a man's hand, rising from the sea.' Elijah said, 'Go and say to Ahab, "Harness the chariot and go down before the rain stops you."' And with that the sky grew dark with cloud and storm, and rain fell in torrents.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14:1, 2-3, 4

℟ Draw us after you, Virgin Mary;
we shall follow in your footsteps.

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent
and dwell on your holy mountain? ℟

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. ℟

He who does not slander with his tongue;
he who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur against his neighbour. ℟

He who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. ℟

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons of God is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 19:25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Creed is said or sung.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord,
we reverently offer you these gifts
as we recall the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
In your service may our love become like hers
and so unite us more closely
with the work of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*And with your spirit.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right and just.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
as we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of Carmel.

Your Word filled her heart
and inspired all her actions,

making her constant in prayer with the Apostles,
and, through her share in our salvation,
constituting her the spiritual mother of all humankind.

She watches unceasingly with a mother's loving care
over the brethren of her Son,
and lights us along our pilgrim way
to the mount of your glory,
our beacon of comfort,
and the embodiment of all our hopes
as members of the Church.

And so, with the Angels and Archangels,
and with the great multitude of the Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts...

COMMUNION RITE

Communion Antiphon

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. (cf. Luke 2:19)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
we have been nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son.
May the wonders of your love strengthen us
and help us to follow more faithfully
the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service we are dedicated.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Father chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son.
May he make you also her faithful children.
Amen.

God the Son was born of Mary and was obedient to her.
May he grant you to love her as he did.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit overshadowed her
and made her fruitful with the Word.
May he fill you also with the divine presence.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

*The Liturgy may end with the singing of a Marian antiphon, particularly the Flos Carmeli.
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