

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA

Patroness of the Apostolic Vicariates of the Gulf

## MISSA I

Saturday before the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(with permission to celebrate it on Sunday or on Friday according to No. 58 of  
*Normae Universales de Anno Liturgico et de Calendario*)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!  
he has visited his people and redeemed them;  
he has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
as he had promised to our fathers  
by the lips of his holy prophets. *(Cfr. Lc 1:68-69,70)*

### OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,  
you will all men to be saved and come to the knowledge  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Arabia,  
grant that your Church in the Gulf and throughout the world  
may courageously proclaim your love for all men and women,  
so that mankind may find in you, the Creator and Father of all  
and the joy of newness of life.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever and ever.

**R/. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*From the Prophecy of Zephaniah*

**(3:14-18)**

<sup>14</sup> Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion!  
Sing joyfully, O Israel!  
Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has removed the judgment against you;  
he has turned away your enemies;  
the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.

<sup>16</sup> On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and renew you in his love,  
he will sing joyfully because of you,

<sup>18</sup> as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(Is 12:2-6)**

**R/. Comes in our midst the God of glory.**

<sup>2</sup> Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he is my savior. *R/.*

<sup>3</sup> With joy will you draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,  
declare the greatness of his name. *R/.*

<sup>5</sup> Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth.  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst the Holy One of Israel. *R/.*

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)*

<sup>4</sup> Brothers: when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father". <sup>7</sup> So that you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.  
*R/. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**(Lk 1:45)**

**R/.** Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, o Virgin Mary,  
for you have believed;  
the word of the Lord has been fulfilled in you.

**R/.** Alleluia

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**R/.** *And with your spirit.*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke* **(1:39-56)**

**R/.** *Glory to you, o Lord.*

<sup>39</sup> Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> cried out in a loud voice and said: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup> Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; <sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. <sup>48</sup> For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call

me blessed: <sup>49</sup> the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. <sup>50</sup> He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. <sup>52</sup> He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, <sup>55</sup> the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.”

<sup>56</sup> Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

**V/.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/.** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Arabia, let us raise our prayers with confidence to God our Father, the source of every perfect gift.

Together, let us say:

**R/.** *Hear us, O Lord!*

- That the Church of God, the universal sacrament of salvation, following the example of Mary our mother, may carry to all mankind the good news of the Father’s mercy.

Let us pray to the Lord: **R/.**

- That the Rulers of the countries in the Gulf and the civil authorities throughout the whole world, may lead their peoples on the paths of justice and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord: *R/*.

- That all the poor, the abandoned, those who are alone and away from their families, as well as prisoners and all refugees, may enjoy, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the crucified Jesus, the consolations of God and the generous assistance of their brothers.

Let us pray to the Lord: *R/*.

- That through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Arabia, all the inhabitants of the Gulf region may live as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of the same Father.

Let us pray to the Lord: *R/*.

- That our local community, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our mother, may be open to welcome all whom we encounter in our daily living.

Let us pray to the Lord: *R/*.

Father most Holy, you will that all men come to know your Son Jesus Christ. Accept our petitions and, in your infinite mercy, grant us our requests. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*R/*. Amen.

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**With this bread and this wine, we offer to you, most Holy Father, source of all good gifts, our daily existence and we pray that it may always be lived for your glory.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

***R/. Amen.***

## **PREFACE**

***V/. The Lord be with you.***

***R/. And with your spirit.***

***V/. Lift up your hearts.***

***R/. We lift them up to the Lord.***

***V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***

***R/. It is right and just.***

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, for the infinite love that you, our Creator and Father, have revealed to us through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Today we wish to thank you for what you accomplished through the Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son and partaker with him in your plan of salvation for all mankind.**

**She was the first herald of your mercy when, having humbly accepted your will,**

she hastened to her cousin Elizabeth,  
carrying in her womb your Word made flesh.

She was with your Son when, at Cana in Galilee,  
he began to manifest through signs your love for all mankind.  
She told the servants to do all that he commanded,  
thus teaching them and all of us that obedience to Jesus  
is the source of a life without end.

On Calvary she shared in the agony of your crucified Son, and  
with the Apostles in the Upper Room  
she received the gift of the Spirit,  
thus sealing her mission as mother of all peoples.

For this reason, together with the Virgin Mary  
and all the angels and saints,  
we humbly intend as your children to proclaim your love for us  
and for all human beings of every time, race and religion,  
and so we joyfully sing to your unending glory:

*V/. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

All generations will call me blessed,  
for God has looked with favor  
on the humility of his servant.

*(cfr. Lk 1:48)*



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God our Father,  
we have received the Body and Blood of your Son.  
Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,  
Our Lady of Arabia, grant that they be our daily sustenance  
in announcing your Name to all the peoples.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

***R/. Amen.***

## **SOLEMN BLESSING**

*(The deacon, or in his absence, the priest himself,  
invites the faithful with these or similar words:)*

***V/. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.***

*(Then the priest, with hands stretched over the people says:)*

**- May God the Father, source of all consolation, who has gathered you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, fill you with his heavenly blessings.**

***V/. Amen.***

**- May Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, strengthen in your hearts the joy of being his disciples.**

***V/. Amen.***

**- May God the Holy Spirit, fount of eternal life, make you courageous witnesses of the Father's love for all creatures.**

***V/. Amen.***

**- And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the ✠ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and remain with you forever.**

***V/. Amen.***