

CROWING OF AN IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WITHIN MASS

REQUISITES FOR THE LITURGY

Vessels: holy water sprinkler; thurible, boat, incense, charcoal

Furniture: table for statue of Mary

Other: statue of Mary, crown, flowers, pillow, candles

LITURGICAL NOTES

Children assist

Song for the Crowning of Mary: *Bring Flowers of the Rarest*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

RITE OF CROWNING

THANKSGIVING AND INVOCATION

After the Homily, the Priest and Deacon stand and go to the place where the statue of Mary is prepared; the assembly remains seated.

The crown is brought forward.

Priest

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of heaven and earth
for in your mercy and justice
you cast down the mighty and exalt the lowly.
Your marvelous wisdom is shown above all
in the word made flesh and in his Virgin Mother.
For he, your Son, who freely humbled himself
even unto death on the cross,
now sits at your right hand
and is radiant with unending glory, the King of kings
and Lord of Lords;
and she, the Virgin who wished
to be called your servant, was singled out to be
Mother of the redeemer
and true Mother of all the living:
now she is exalted above the choirs of angels**

and reigns in glory with her Son, praying for all of us,
the Queen of mercy, pleading for grace.

Merciful Lord, look upon us your servants,
who by crowing this image of the Mother of your Son,
proclaim him as King of all creation
and approach her as our queen.

Give us the grace to follow them in serving you;
to do what love demands
for the sake of our brothers and sisters;
to deny ourselves and spend ourselves,
so as to win our neighbors for you;
to be lowly on earth, so as to be exalted in heaven
where you reward your faithful servants
with a crown of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Amen).

CROWNING

The Priest sprinkles the crown with holy water.

The Song for the Crowning of Mary begins. The crown is placed on the statue of Mary.

The Priest incenses the statue of Mary and returns with the Deacon to the chair.

The Song ends.

CREED

*Mass continues in the usual way with the Creed and General Intercessions,
using the intercessions provided below:*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Priest

Now let us humbly pray to God our Father, who has done great things for the Blessed Virgin Mary and continues his marvelous works in the Church.

Deacon or Reader

For the Church, that in unison with Mary it may proclaim the wonderful works of God and make his mercy known to all the nations, for he casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly. Let us pray the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer).

For all the peoples of the earth, that under the impulse of the Holy Spirit they may be gathered into the one people of God under the rule of Christ the King. Let us pray the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer).

For harmony among nations, that through the prayers of the Queen of peace hatred may be laid to rest, wars ended, and all the earth enjoy prosperity and peace. Let us pray the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer).

For those who endure illness, poverty, loneliness, imprisonment, or persecution, that the blessed Virgin, the Queen of mercy, may strengthen and encourage them with a mother's care. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer).

For all here present, that, recognizing the unique dignity of the blessed Virgin, we may try to imitate her humility and spirit of service and daily love her more and more. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer).

Priest

**Lord God,
through the prayers of blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
whom you have given us for our mother and queen,
grant that we too may share in the fullness of your grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Amen).**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CONCLUDING RITES