

## 15 August – Assumption Vigil

SOLEMNITY; white

*This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the “Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God.” It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the “Assumption” in the next century. It celebrates Mary’s passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.*

### *First Reading † 1 Chronicles 15:3-4.15-16; 16:1-2*

#### **A reading from the first book of Chronicles**

*They brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent which David had pitched for it.*

David gathered all Israel together in Jerusalem to bring the ark of God up to the place he had prepared for it. David called together the sons of Aaron and the sons of Levi. And the Levites carried the ark of God with the shafts on their shoulders, as Moses had ordered in accordance with the word of the Lord.

David then told the heads of the Levites to assign duties for their kinsmen as cantors, with their various instruments of music, harps and lyres and cymbals, to play joyful tunes. They brought the ark of God in and put it inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered holocausts before God, and communion sacrifices.

And when David had finished offering holocausts and communion sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

### *Responsorial † Psalm 131:6-7.9-10.13-14*

***Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.***

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;  
we found it in the plains of Yearim.  
‘Let us go to the place of his dwelling;  
let us go to kneel at his footstool.’

***Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.***

Your priests shall be clothed with holiness:  
your faithful shall ring out their joy.  
For the sake of David your servant  
do not reject your anointed.

***Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.***

For the Lord has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling:  
‘This is my resting place for ever,  
here have I chosen to live.’

***Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.***

***Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 15:54-57***

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*He gives us victory through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.

Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?

Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation † Luke 11:28***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Gospel † Luke 11:27-28***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*Blessed is the womb that bore you.*

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said,

‘Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked!’

But he replied,

‘Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!’

The Gospel of the Lord.