

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

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

A reading from the first book of Chronicles

David then summoned all Israel to Jerusalem, to move the ark of the Lord to the place which he had prepared for it. David called together the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

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 also told the heads of the Levites to appoint their kinsmen as singers with the accompaniment of musical instruments, lyres, harps and cymbals to play joyfully.

They brought the ark of God in and put it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and brought burnt offerings and made communion sacrifices in God’s presence. And when David had finished making burnt offerings 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 it;
we found it in the plains of Jearim.
‘Let us go to the place of his dwelling;
let us bow down 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 righteousness;
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 from age to age;
here have I chosen to dwell.

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

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

He gives us victory through Jesus Christ.

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

And when this corruptible nature has put on incorruptibility, and this mortal nature has put on immortality, then will the written word occur:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, who gave us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Blessed is the womb that bore you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It happened that as Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said,

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

But he replied,

‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’

The Gospel of the Lord.