READERING I

Zechariah 2, 10–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah
Rejoice, daughter of Zion, for I am coming.

Sing, rejoice, daughter of Zion; for I am coming to dwell in the middle of you—it is the Lord who speaks.

Many nations will join the Lord, on that day; they will become his people.
(But he will remain among you, and you will know that the Lord Sabaoth has sent me to you.)
But the Lord will hold Judah as his portion in the Holy Land, and again make Jerusalem his very own
Let all mankind be silent before the Lord!
For his is awaking and is coming from his holy dwelling.

OR—
(707)
Genesis (3:9–15, 20) #1
Isaiah (7:10–14) #7
Proverbs (8:22–31) # 5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM


R' (49). The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
    Or R' O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

    And Mary said:
    “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
    and my spirit exults in God my savior,
    R' (49). The Almighty . . . Or R' O Blessed . . .

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid,
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed.
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
R' (49). The Almighty . . . Or R' O Blessed . . .

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
R' (49). The Almighty . . . Or R' O Blessed . . .

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has fitted with good things, the rich sent empty away.
R' (49). The Almighty . . . Or R' O Blessed . . .

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy according to the promise he made to our ancestors—
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.”
R' (49). The Almighty . . . Or R' O Blessed . . .

OR—
(709)
Jdt. (1 2:2 23bc–24a. 25 and 20a) # 2

READING 11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 5:12, 17–19

However great the number of sins, grace was even greater.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man’s fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man’s fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

OR—
(710)
Romans (8:28–30) # 2
Galatians (4:4–7) 03
Ephesians (1:3–6, 11–12) # 4

GOSPEL

Alleluia See (Ga 4:4–7)

John 19, 25–27

R' Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart

+ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Woman, this is your son. This is your mother.

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.

OR—
(712)
Luke (1:26–38) #3
Luke (2:27–35) #7

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Introductory Rites  Hall, holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever.  (Sedulius)

OPENING
PRAYER
Lord, take away the sins of your people.
May the prayers of Mary the mother of your Son help us, for alone and unaided we cannot hope to please you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS
Pray, brethren . . .
Father, the birth of Christ your Son deepened the virgin mother's love for you, and increased her holiness. May the humanity of Christ give us courage in our weakness; may it free us from our sins, and make our offering acceptable. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Rite  Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, she carried the Son of the eternal Father.  (See Lk 11: 27)

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION
Let us pray.
Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.
Lord, we rejoice in your sacraments and ask your mercy as we honor the memory of the Virgin Mary.
May her faith and love inspire us to serve you more faithfully in the work of salvation.
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

or

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