

Feast Of Mary, Mother of God

Key Themes: God will bless the sons of Israel. May God bless us in his mercy. He will rule the world with justice. God sent His Son, born of a woman. God has made you his heir. The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Notes: Be careful when choosing hymns to Mary. While this is the Feast of Mary, it is still a mass which is a celebration of Christ come among us - Mary was merely the first to receive him. So our hymns do better when they reflect the readings, rather than as a peon to Mary. One of the best ways to avoid this conflict is to sing a version of the Magnificat - Mary's song of a joyous "Yes" to God. We too can imitate her, saying yes. One of the better versions is Mary's Song by Michael Joncas (in the On Eagles Wings collection,) but there are 4 others in GAUS. If in doubt, read the words carefully, and ask who we are praising. If the answer is God/Jesus, then the hymn is appropriate for a mass. If the focus is solely on Mary, then perhaps put it aside and use it in a Marian devotion, such as a rosary service, which would be ideal on this day.

Mass: Mass Shalom or Mass of Spirit & Grace

Psalm:	May God Bless Us	Colin Smith	
	May God Bless Us	Batastini/Gelineau	CWB

Suggested Alleluia: Celtic Alleluia or from the mass setting

Other Hymns:	The Angel Gabriel		CWB	815
	Angels We Have Heard On High		GAUS	286
	Away In A Manger		GAUS	289
	Glory And Praise To Our God		GAUS	417
	God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen	*		
	Hark The Herald Angels Sing		GAUS	294
	Let All The Peoples		GAUS	60
	Mary's Song	Joncas	OEW	
	Once In Royal David's City		GAUS	297
	There Is Nothing Told		GAUS	548
	What Child Is This?		AOV1	165

* God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman is Public Domain, but not in any of the hymn books which we commonly use. It is in the old Praise to God (37) or the New Living Parish and a collection of PD hymns which I own. We will attempt to get copies of such hymns into a folder in the Music Room. Should you wish to play this hymn and do not have a copy, please contact Peter.