



Marianist Moments

Feast of the Queenship of Mary

August 22

~ Meeting aid ~



Introduction

On August 22, we celebrate the feast of the Queenship of Mary. This feast is celebrated eight days after the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven, so it can be considered a prolongation of the feast of the Assumption. The Queenship of Mary is a Marian title known in Christian tradition since the start of the fourth century.

Opening Prayer

Adapted from the Mass of the Queenship of Mary

✠ Eternal God, you made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen. Grant us, Lord, through her intercession, we may attain your glorious kingdom and the glory promised to us, your children, and that we may honor the Virgin Mary as our Queen and Mother. We pray for your sovereign peace to reign in our lives and the world today. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-38, RSVCE

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Silent Introspection

Marian Writings, Vol 1, 122-123, William Joseph Chaminade

Contemplate the following text from the writings of Father Chaminade on the Queenship of Mary.

"The Virgin's name was Mary" (Lk 1:27)

Who was the first to pronounce the admirable name of Mary? "God called the mass of waters 'seas' (maria)" (Gn 1:10). [maria in latin means seas]

... Among all the means that can be given to the holy name of Mary we will limit ourselves to two: Lady, and Star of the Sea. Mary is our Queen, our protectress . . .

Mary receives her dignity, her throne, from God alone. "By me monarchs rule" (Pr 8:15). Jesus Christ shares his sovereignty with Mary. . .



Group Sharing

Meditating on the feast of the Queenship of Mary, let us consider how her Queenship gives us strength and hope to navigate the spiritual trials in our lives.



(Image: Coronation of the Virgin, Fra Angelico, 1432)

† May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.