

Centerpiece: Open-hands woman (ad-sum figure)
Plant and candle

Opening Song: "Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above"

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Wisdom 7: Reading

Side 1: Blessed are you, gracious God, in your Holy Wisdom.

Side 2: She is a breath of your spirit, a pure effusion of your glory,
an untarnished mirror of your active power,
and an image of your goodness.

Side 1: Artificer of all, she knows your works
and was present when you made the world,
understanding what is pleasing to you, and in harmony with your desires.

Side 2: Her delight is ever to be with us, playing in and about the beauty of all Creation.

Side 1: Through her, enlighten our minds, banish all fear and self-doubt,
and fill our hearts that we may think and speak truly.

Side 2: Make to yield before her gracious presence—all darkness and confusion,
all withholding and domination, all rigidity and fear,
all that is in us that works against that which we are called to do today.

Side 1: May she dwell deep within us, enfold us in her light, imbue us with strength and purpose.

Side 2: Above all, may the doing of our work together be one of the ways she fashions us
into members of the company of your friends and prophets.

Side 1: May she hold us fast, guide us in your ways.

Side 2: May she be our constant companion today and forever

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

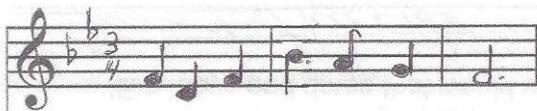
Song Reflection:

After the reading the passage from Luke, sit quietly and ponder the mystery of Mary. The Holy Spirit breathed upon her and she was filled with life and love. She was totally present to the Spirit's movement within her heart, mind and soul. Reflect upon how the Holy Spirit invites us to be present within your being. Sit quietly, *ad sum*, and listen to the song: "*Holy Sacred Spirit*" as found on CD, Holy Ground, Mantras and Chants for Reflection and Prayer by Monica Brown. Emmaus Productions, 2000.

Magnificat with Immaculate Conception Mantra

Leader: Our beings proclaim your greatness, O God; our spirits rejoice in Jesus, our Savior,

All:



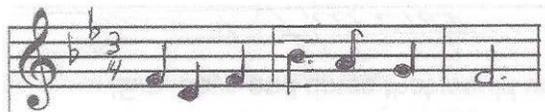
Ma ry con-ceived with-out sin



O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us

Leader: You look upon my lowliness, a woman from among all women
From this day through all generations, you call me *blessed*,

All:



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Leader: You, the mighty One, have exalted me to greatness and holy is your name.

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: You show tender mercy to those who love you from one generation to the next.

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: You are filled with strength and you defeat those who are haughty and proud/

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: You turn from the strong and look lovingly upon the powerless ones.

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: Those who are hungry, you fill with all good things while you turn away from the rich.

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: You never forget your promise of mercy that you showed to ancient Israel.

All: Repeat mantra.

Leader: And that you continue to show to all of your children all of our days.

All: Repeat mantra.

Intercessions: (All respond with the words in bold print.)

Leader: Loving God, you preserved Mary from all sin throughout her existence; **preserve from evil our Pope Francis as he struggles to “repair your Church.”**

Leader: Loving God, Mary was the First Disciple of Jesus; **gift each one of us with fidelity to live discipleship.**

Leader: Loving God, Mary was Queen of Apostles who, with them, proclaimed the Good News; **motivate us to live the Gospel by reaching out to the marginalized.**

Leader: Loving God, Mary taught her Son to pray; **let her life inspire us to pray and to allow the Spirit to breathe and be life within us.**

Leader: If anyone wants to add a spontaneous prayer, do so...

Leader: Let us pray together:

Glory and praise to our loving God who has preserved Mary from all stain of sin! Through her intercession may we come ever closer to the One who holds and protects us from harm. May we live lives open to the Spirit, and be always ready to say *yes* to what our God asks. We make this prayer through Jesus, Mary’s Son and our Brother. All: Amen.

Closing Song: “Immaculate Mary,” #971 We Celebrate, World Library Publications

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