

**August 15, 2021 Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2–3a, 6–7a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Those who walked in the dark have seen a bright light. And it shines upon everyone who lives in the land of darkest shadows.

Our Lord, you have made your nation stronger. Because of you, its people are glad and celebrate. For to us a child has been born. A son has been given to us, and he will be our ruler. His names will be: Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.

His power will never end, and peace will last forever.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8*

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Shout praises to the Lord! Everyone who serves him, come and praise his name. Let the name of the Lord be praised now and forever.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

From dawn until sunset the name of the Lord deserves to be praised. The Lord is far above

all of the nations; he is more glorious than the heavens.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

*No one can compare
with the Lord our God.*

*His throne is high above, and he looks down to see
the heavens and the earth.*

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39–56

**A reading from the holy gospel according to
Luke**

Mary hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's home, where she greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, her baby moved within her.

The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth. Then in a loud voice she said to Mary: "God has blessed you more than any other woman! He has also blessed the child you will have. Why should the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby became happy and moved within me. The Lord has blessed you because you believed that he will keep his promise."

Mary said: "With all of my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Savior. He cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people

will say God has blessed me. God All-powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy.

“He always shows mercy to everyone who worships him. The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud. He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power.

He gives the hungry good things to eat, and he sends the rich away with nothing in their hands. He helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people. He made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever!” Then she went back home.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.