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✠ *WELCOME* to Historic Our Lady of the Assumption Church for the rite of the Churching of Women according to the Traditional Latin “Extraordinary” Form. The Tridentine Mass is offered here at Assumption every Sunday at 2:00 PM, and every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

✠ *THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN* is the Roman Catholic Church’s traditional blessing and thanksgiving of a mother after childbirth. It is customarily performed a few weeks after the baptism of the infant. The ritual of starting the ceremony at the entrance to the church and progressing up to the altar is meant to evoke a continuity with the ancient Jewish ritual of Purification and reintroduction into the temple which our Blessed Mother undertook after the birth of our Lord.



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THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN

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AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

The mother kneels in the Narthex, holding a lighted candle.

The priest, wearing a surplice and white stole, blesses her with Holy Water, and says:

✠ Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

℞ Qui fecit cælum et terram.

PSALM 23

Antiphon Hæc accipiet benedictionem a Dómino, et misericórdiam a Deo salutári suo: quia hæc est generatio quæréntium Dóminum.

Dómini est terra et quæ replent eam, * orbis terrárum et qui hábitant in eo.

Nam ipse super mária fundávit eum, * et super flúmina firmávit eum.

Quis ascéndet in montem Dómini, * aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?

Innocens mánibus et mundus corde, qui non inténdit mentem suam ad vana, * nec cum dolo jurávit próximo suo.

Hic accipiet benedictionem a Dómino, * et mercédem a Deo Salvatóre suo.

Hæc est generatio quæréntium eum, * quæréntium faciém Dei Jacob.

Attóllite, portæ, cápita vestra, et attóllite vos, fores antiquæ, * ut ingrediátur Rex glóriæ!

“Quis est iste Rex glóriæ?” * “Dóminus fortis et potens, Dóminus potens in prælio.”

Attóllite, portæ, cápita vestra, et attóllite vos, fores antiquæ, * ut ingrediátur Rex glóriæ!

“Quis est iste Rex glóriæ?” * “Dóminus exercituum: ipse est Rex glóriæ.”

Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spíritui Sancto. * Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Antiphon Hæc accipiet benedictionem a Dómino, et misericórdiam a Deo salutári suo: quia hæc est generatio quæréntium Dóminum.

The priest places the end of his stole in the mother's hand and leads her into the church while saying:

Ingrédere in templum Dei, adóra Filium beátæ Mariæ Virginis, qui tibi fecunditátem tribuit prolis.

✠. *Our help is in the Name of the Lord.*

℞. *Who made Heaven and Earth.*

Antiphon *She shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God her Savior: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.*

*The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, * the world and all they that dwell therein.*

*For He hath founded it upon the seas, * and hath prepared it upon the rivers.*

*Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord, * or who shall stand in His holy place?*

*The innocent in hands and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, * nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbor.*

*He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, * and mercy from God his Savior.*

*This is the generation of them that seek Him, * of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.*

*Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, * and the King of glory shall enter in!*

*“Who is this King of glory?” * “the Lord Who is strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.”*

*Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, * and the King of glory shall enter in!*

*“Who is this King of glory?” * “the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.”*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. * As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon *She shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God her Savior: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.*

Enter into the temple of God, adore the Son of the blessed Virgin Mary, who gave you fruitfulness of offspring.

AT THE ALTAR

Outside the sanctuary, the mother kneels before the Altar and prays, thanking God for her child.

The priest then says:

Kyrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kyrie eléison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Prayed silently by the priest*

Pater noster, qui es in cælis: sanctificétur nomen tuum: advéniat regnum tuum: fiat volúntas tua sicut in cælo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidíanum da nobis hódie: et dimítte nobis debíta nostra, sicut et nos dimíttimus debitoribus nostris.

✠ Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

℞ Sed líbera nos a malo.

✠ Salvam fac ancilliam tuam, Dómine.

℞ Deus meus, sperántem in te.

✠ Mitte ei, Dómine, auxiliúm de sancto.

℞ Et de Sion tuére eam.

✠ Nihil proficiat inimícus in ea.

℞ Et filius iniquitátis non appónat nocére ei.

✠ Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam.

℞ Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

✠ Dóminus vobíscum.

℞ Et cum spíritu tuo.

✠ Orémus. Omnipotens sempitérne Deus, qui per beátæ Mariæ Virginis partum fidélium pariéntium dolóres in gáudium vertisti: réspice propítius super hanc fámulam tuam, ad templum sanctum tuum pro gratiárum actióne lætam accedéntem, et præsta; ut post hanc vitam, ejúsdem beátæ Mariæ méritis et intercessióne, ad æternæ beatitúdinis gáudia cum prole sua pervenire mereátur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

℞ Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

✠. *And lead us not into temptation.*

℞. *But deliver us from evil.*

✠. *Save your handmaid, Lord.*

℞. *Who hopes in Thee, my God.*

✠. *Send her help, Lord, from the sanctuary.*

℞. *And defend her out of Sion.*

✠. *Let not the enemy prevail against her.*

℞. *Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt her.*

✠. *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

℞. *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

✠. *The Lord be with you.*

℞. *And with thy spirit.*

✠. *Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, through the delivery of the blessed Virgin Mary, Thou hast turned into joy the pains of the faithful in childbirth; look mercifully upon this Thy handmaid, coming in gladness to Thy temple to offer up her thanks: and grant that after this life, by the merits and intercession of the same blessed Mary, she may merit to arrive, together with her offspring, at the joys of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord*

℞. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the mother with Holy Water in the shape of a Cross.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

✠ Pax et benedictio Dei omnipoténtis, Patris, et Filii, ✠ et Spíritus Sancti, descéndat super te, et máneat semper.

℞ Amen.

✠. *The peace and blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain forever.*

℞. Amen.