

The first Glorious mystery

**Jesus is risen from the dead**

Our Christian faith is not a philosophy of ideas with which we happen to agree. Rather, it is based upon the person of Jesus Christ and upon his teaching, his death and his resurrection. So crucial is the resurrection that St. Paul wrote, "If Christ is not risen, your faith is in vain and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

The saving death and resurrection of the Lord are the foundations of our faith. They are also the reasons for our being faithful to our Savior in the everyday things of life.

*We pray for an increase in faith and in daily fidelity to Jesus.*

Our Father

1. After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulcher.

Hail Mary

2. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat upon it.

Hail Mary

3. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.

Hail Mary

4. For fear of him, the guards were terrified and became like dead men.

Hail Mary

5. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

Hail Mary

6. "He is not here; for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

Hail Mary

7. "Go quickly and tell his disciples that He has risen from the dead. He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him."

Hail Mary

8. They departed quickly from the tomb in fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Hail Mary

9. "I am the resurrection and the life.

Hail Mary

10. "He who believes in Me, even though he die, yet he shall live."

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References: Matthew 28: 1-10; John 11:25*

The second Glorious mystery

**Jesus ascends into heaven to prepare a place for us**

Christian hope is different from presumption. It is presumption to think that just because you are no worse than the average secular person, you will go to heaven when you die.

It is Christian hope to believe the promise of Jesus that if we walk with Him now, He will save us. That means that if we live by faith, keep the Commandments to love God and neighbor, and confess our sins, we will live with Him for all eternity.

The teaching of our Lord and Savior that He has prepared a place for us gives us firm hope.

*We pray that we will walk with Jesus in this life so as to be with Him in heaven forever.*

Our Father

1. [At the Last Supper Jesus said:] “In my Father's house there are many mansions. If there were not, I would have told you because I go to prepare a place for you.

Hail Mary

2. “And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself so that where I am, you may also be.”

Hail Mary

3. [Before his ascension,] Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me.

Hail Mary

4. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Hail Mary

5. “Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Hail Mary

6. “I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the world.”

Hail Mary

7. And when He had said these things, He was lifted up before their eyes, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Hail Mary

8. And while they were gazing up to heaven as He went, behold, two men in white garments stood by them.

Hail Mary

9. “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up to heaven?

Hail Mary

10. “This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come in the same way as you have seen Him going up to heaven.”

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References:* John 14:2-3; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:9-11

The third Glorious mystery

**The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles**

For ten days after the Lord ascended into heaven, the apostles prayed and reflected on the promise of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit. Finally, on the feast of Pentecost, the promise was fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit filled them with love and with great zeal for souls. The Holy Spirit empowered them to overcome their fears and to preach the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. That same Holy Spirit is working in the Church today among those who open the door to their hearts.

*We pray for the courage to witness to Christ in our daily lives.*

Our Father

1. [And Jesus said to the apostles,] “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Hail Mary

2. “And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the ends of the earth.”

Hail Mary

3. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Hail Mary

4. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, like a mighty wind blowing; and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Hail Mary

5. There appeared to them tongues as of fire, separating and settling on each of them.

Hail Mary

6. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit prompted them to speak.

Hail Mary

7. Now there were staying at Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven; ...and all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Hail Mary

8. Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;

Hail Mary

9. “And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Hail Mary

10. Those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References:* Acts 1:8; 2:1-13, 38-41

The fourth Glorious mystery

**Mary is taken into heaven and crowned as Queen**

Like her divine son before her and as another promise of our own future on the last day, Mary “was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory and exalted by the Lord...”<sup>1</sup> She reigns as Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church.

Like her divine son, Mary was a sign of contradiction. Pledged to a life of dedicated virginity, she was yet called to be the mother of the Messiah and remained a virgin. She gave birth to the Lord of the universe—in the humble surroundings of a cave.

In her God has truly exalted the lowly.

*We pray for a greater devotion to Mary throughout the Church.*

Our Father

1. And Mary said, “My soul shows forth the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

Hail Mary

2. “Because He has looked with favor on the lowliness of his handmaid, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Hail Mary

3. “He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Hail Mary

4. “His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.

Hail Mary

5. “He has shown strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.

Hail Mary

6. “He has put down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.”

Hail Mary

7. “And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.”

Hail Mary

8. When St. Bernadette asked the most blessed Mother her name, Mary replied, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Hail Mary

9. To the three children at Fatima, Mary said: “Pray the rosary every day to bring peace to the world...”

Hail Mary

10. Mary, Queen of heaven, pray for us.

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References: 1: Munificentissimus Deus (1950); Luke 1:46-52; Rev. 12:1.*

The fifth Glorious mystery

## Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

The Church prays, “Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20). But do we sometimes softly add, “but not quite yet”? If we are not ready, is it not time to get ready? For we know not the day nor the hour of his return.

In one sense we can say that the mission of the Church is to prepare mankind for the return of the Lord. Jesus asks whether He will find faith when He returns. Our answer can be “Yes!” if we put our faith to work, if we serve the needs of others, and if we help them to get ready for his return.

*We pray that the entire Church will be ready to meet the Lord when He returns.*

Our Father

1. [And Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

Hail Mary

2. [And St. James wrote:] What will it profit, my brothers, if a man says he has faith but does not have works? ... Faith without works is dead.

Hail Mary

3. [In Matthew 25, Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, he will sit on the throne of his glory, and before Him will be gathered all the nations.”

Hail Mary

4. “Then the king will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Hail Mary

5. “ ‘For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to me.’

Hail Mary

6. “Then the just will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink?’”

Hail Mary

7. “The king will say to them, ‘Amen I say to you, as long as you did it for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.’

Hail Mary

8. “Then He will say to those on his left hand, ‘Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels.

Hail Mary

9. “‘For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me ... sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’”

Hail Mary

10. We profess our faith: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Hail Mary

Glory be

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*References:* Luke 18:8; James 2:14, 26; Matthew 25:31-46; Nicene Creed