

LITURGY OF THE KINGDOM

JANUARY 1

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God

SECOND READING

Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia.* Mary is the Father's divine Spouse and the Mother, forever blessed, of Jesus, the Son of God. *Alleluia.*

Priest: *A reading from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Maria Valtorta.*
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Assembly: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

On that day, Jesus, wishing to make His Mother "known" to His apostles, recalled the event of the Annunciation. He asked her gently: "What was your reply, Most Pure Virgin, to him who assured you that by becoming **Mother of God**, you would not lose your perfect Virginity?"

And Mary, almost in a dream, slowly, smiling, her eyes shining with joyful tears: "I am the handmaid of the Lord! Let it be done to me according to your Word," and she reclined her head on the knees of her Son, adoring Him.

Jesus then covered her with His mantle, concealing her from everybody's eyes and He said: "And it was done. All will be done until the end. Until her next transfiguration and the one after that. She will always be the 'Handmaid of God'. She will always act according to what 'the Word' says. My Mother! That is my Mother. **And you ought to begin to become fully acquainted with her holy Figure...** Mother! Mother! Raise your face, my beloved.... Call your sentiments back to the Earth, where we are for the time being," He said as He uncovered Mary...

Mary raised her face wet with tears and whispered: "Why did you do that to me, Son? The secrets of the King are sacred..."

To which Jesus replied: "But the King can reveal them whenever He wishes..."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Assembly: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*