

# THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

## About the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Today's Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a companion feast to yesterday's Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque played a significant role in expanding the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saint John Eudes, a priest and contemporary of Saint Margaret Mary, played his part in making devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart part of the life of the universal Church.

This feast of Mary celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. When Mary presented the baby Jesus to the temple, forty days after His birth, Simeon told her that her heart would be pierced by a sword (Luke 2:35) and Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

In her heart Mary treasured the Lord's deeds and words. Her heart is also the place of her anguish, in witnessing the sufferings of her Son.

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## What can we learn from the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

In Jesus' heart, we find a boundless love of mercy and compassion. In Mary's heart we find a boundless concern for the sorrows that consume us all. The Friar Servants of Mary have a sentence in the Epilogue to the Constitutions of their Order: *Since the Son of Man is still being crucified in his brothers and sisters, we, Servants of his mother, wish to be with her at the foot of those countless crosses in order to bring comfort and redemptive co-operation.* Mary not only stands at the foot of those crosses, but weeps **with** and consoles those experiencing pain and grief. We are called to be like Mary pondering things in our heart, thinking before we speak or act and standing by other people's crosses, supporting and encouraging others when they need it most. In this way, we can be true servants and disciples of the Lord, just as Mary is.

## Prayer Resources

### COLLECT

O God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit  
in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
graciously grant that through her intercession  
we may be a worthy temple of your glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### GOSPEL

**Luke 2:41-51**

*Mary stored up all these things in her heart.*

Every year the parents of Jesus  
used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.  
When he was twelve years old,  
they went up for the feast as usual.  
When they were on their way home after the feast,  
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it.  
They assumed he was with the caravan,  
and it was only after a day's journey  
that they went to look for him  
among their relations and acquaintances.  
When they failed to find him  
they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.  
Three days later, they found him in the Temple,  
sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions;  
and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.  
They were overcome when they saw him,  
and his mother said to him,  
'My child, why have you done this to us?  
See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'  
'Why were you looking for me?' he replied.  
'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?'  
But they did not understand what he meant.  
He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.  
His mother stored up all these things in her heart.

**Communion Antiphon**

Lk 2:19

Mary treasured all these words,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

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## Hymn for the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. O Mary, you have pondered  
within your spotless heart  
words **that** to you were spoken  
and silence played its part.  
May we receive that same Word,  
**may** Christ **within** us dwell,  
**so** in the world and our hearts  
His peace we'll find as well.

2. O Mary, you have shown us  
how to respond with faith  
to **our** joys and our sorrows  
and **shun our sinful state**.  
May we, like you, **rely on**  
the Spirit as our guide,  
and with you and **with** Christ's Saints  
in Him ever abide.

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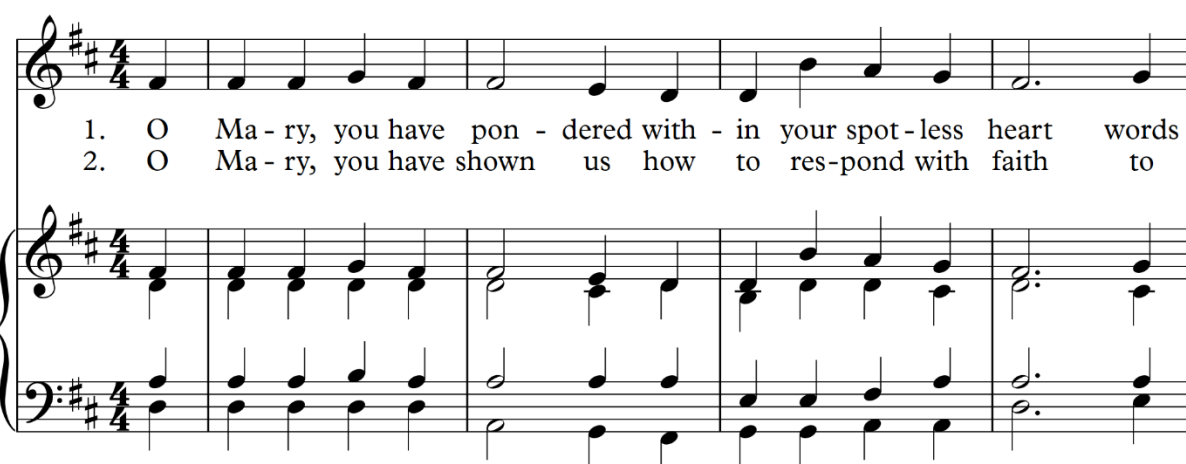
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Voice

1. O Ma - ry, you have pon - dered with - in your spot - less heart words  
2. O Ma - ry, you have shown us how to res - pond with faith to

Organ

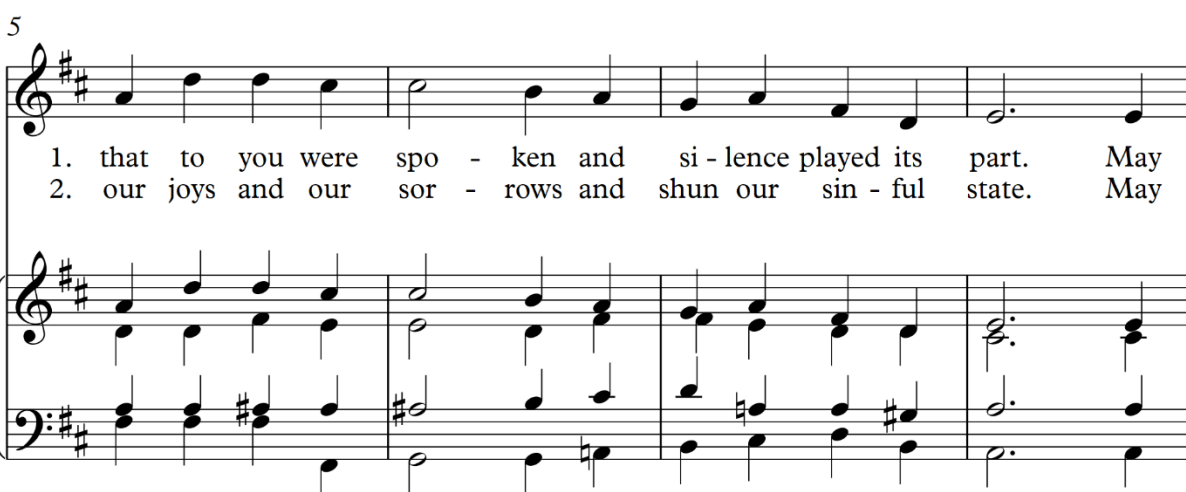


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Voice

1. that to you were spo - ken and si - lence played its part. May  
2. our joys and our sor - rows and shun our sin - ful state. May

Org.

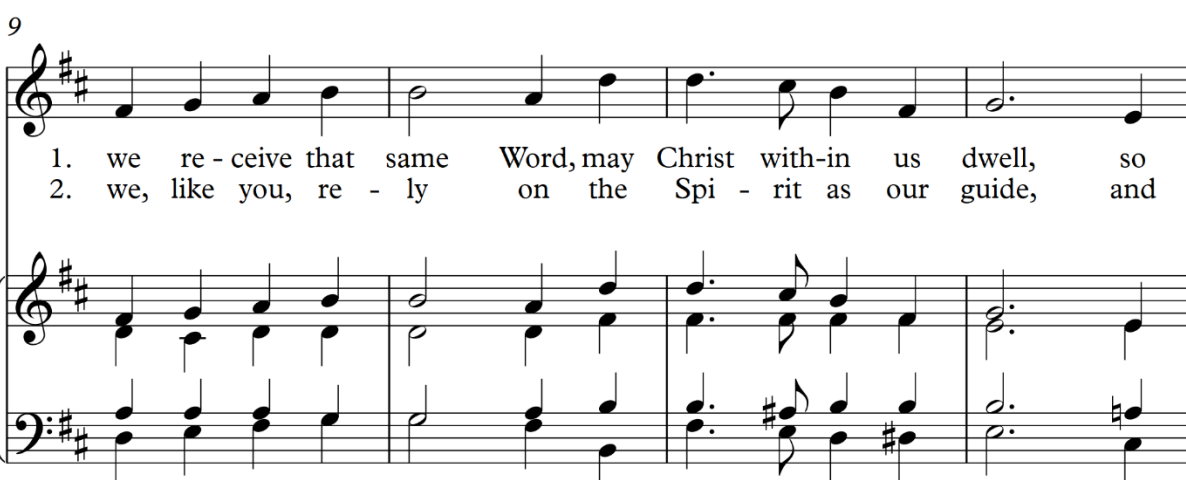


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Voice

1. we re - ceive that same Word, may Christ with - in us dwell, so  
2. we, like you, re - ly on the Spi - rit as our guide, and

Org.



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Voice

1. in the world and our hearts His peace we'll find as well.  
2. with you and with Christ's saints in Him ev - er a - bide.

Org.

The musical score is written for Voice and Organ. The Voice part is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp). The Organ part consists of two staves, Treble and Bass, with a block chord accompaniment. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of 13 measures. The lyrics are: 1. in the world and our hearts His peace we'll find as well. 2. with you and with Christ's saints in Him ev - er a - bide.