Greeting & Gift of Flowers

Song

Immaculate Mary
Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;  
You reign now in Heaven with Jesus our King.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim; 
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth; 
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth. 
Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave Maria

Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father.........

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Luke: 1:42-50

Elizabeth cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the  
mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your  
greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who  
believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”  

And Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.  
For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; Behold, from now on will all ages  
call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, And holy is his name.  
His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.”  

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader:

As we are gathered here together like the apostles with the Mother of Jesus, let us  
offer the prayer Jesus taught us.

Our Father.................

Leader:

Father, May those who gather to honor Mary know her protection and trace in  
their hearts the pattern of her holiness.

Bless them with faith and hope, love and humility: bless them with strength in  
hardship and self-respect in poverty; bless them with patience in adversity and  
kindheartedness in time of plenty.

May they search for peace, strive for justice, and realize your love, as they pursue  
their journey through life toward your heavenly city, where the Blessed Virgin  
Mary intercedes as Mother and reigns as Queen.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Leader:

Let us ask Mary’s intercession as we pray.

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, 
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
 Amen.

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Closing Song:
Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above (words on back)
Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.
Hail, Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria.

Refrain:

Triumph, all ye cherubim;
Sing with us, ye seraphim.
Heav’n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

O gate of life, we honor thee, O Maria.
Our joy, our hope, and heaven’s key, O Maria.

Refrain

And when our life on earth is done, O Maria.
Then show us Christ, thy holy Son, O Maria.

Refrain