

The Crowning of an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*The Mariavite Sodality
(SSMV)*

Priest: *(wearing cassock, surplice, stole and cope, and near the image to be crowned)* I shall open my mouth, and the Spirit will inspire it, and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother: I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast and joyfully praising her wonders.

Response: *Most holy Mother of God, save us.*

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P: Holy Mary is Queen of All. She reigns with Christ forever

R: *Holy Mary is Queen of All. She reigns with Christ forever*

All: *Glory to the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

The thurible is then brought to the priest at the image to be crowned. In a soft voice, the priest places three spoonfuls of incense into the thurible, praying:

P. Mayest thou be blessed, O creature of incense, by the One in whose honor thou shalt be burned. Amen.

The image is incensed in three separate groups of three, while the priest prays:

P. Incense do we offer unto Thee, O Christ our God, for an odor of spiritual fragrance. Receive it upon Thy heavenly altar, and through Our Lady, Thy most holy Mother, send down upon us the Grace of Thine all Holy Spirit.

P. Let us pray to Almighty God.

All: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

*Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.*

*Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.*

We turn to you for protection,
holy Mother of God.
Listen to our prayers
and help us in our needs.
Save us from every danger,
glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Sub tuum praesidium confugimus,
Sancta Dei Genetrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus,
sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta. Amen.*

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
Yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli
porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,
natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore,
sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.*

Priest: Behold Our Lady! Greet Her with rejoicing, for Holy Mary is Queen of All and reigns with Christ forever. *In a soft voice, the priest places three spoonfuls of incense into the thurible, praying:*
P. Mayest thou be blessed, O creature of incense, by the One in whose honor thou shalt be burned. Amen.

The incense is offered during the following prayers and the litany, while all kneel before the image to be crowned.

P: God, our Father in Heaven, R: *have mercy on us.*
P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, R: *have mercy on us.*
P: God, the Holy Spirit, R: *have mercy on us.*
P: Holy Trinity, one God, R: *have mercy on us.*

The Litany to Mary, Queen

Holy, Mary, *hear us.*
Holy Mother of God, *hear us.*
Most honored of maidens, *hear us.*
Chosen daughter of the Father, *hear us.*
Mother of Christ the King, *hear us.*
Glory of the Holy Spirit, *hear us.*
Holy Wisdom of God, *hear us.*
Virgin daughter of Sion, *hear us.*

Virgin humble and poor, *hear us.*
Virgin gentle and obedient, *hear us.*
Handmaid of the Lord, *hear us.*
Mother of the Lord, *hear us.*
Mother of the Redeemer, *hear us.*

(pause)

Full of grace, *save us.*
Fountain of beauty, *save us.*
Model of virtue, *save us.*
Instrument of redemption, *save us.*
Perfect servant of God, *save us.*
Untarnished image of the Church, *save us.*
Woman transformed, Woman clothed with the sun, *save us.*
Woman crowned with stars, *save us.*
Gentle Lady, *save us.*

(pause)

Gracious Lady, *come to our aid.*
Our Lady, *come to our aid.*
Joy of Israel, *come to our aid.*
Splendor of all creation, *come to our aid.*
Pride of the human race, *come to our aid.*
Advocate of grace, *come to our aid.*
Minister of holiness, *come to our aid.*
Champion of God's people, *come to our aid.*
Lady most powerful, *come to our aid.*

(pause)

Queen of love, *save us.*
Queen of mercy, *save us.*
Queen of peace, *save us.*
Queen of angels, *save us.*
Queen of patriarchs and prophets, *save us.*
Queen of apostles and martyrs, *save us.*
Queen of confessors and virgins, *save us.*
Queen of all saints, *save us.*
Queen most immaculate, *save us.*
Queen assumed into heaven, *save us.*
Queen of all the earth, *save us.*
Queen of heaven, *save us.*
Queen of the universe, *save us.*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; *spare us, O Lord*
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; *have mercy on us.*

P: Come to our aid, O glorious Mother of God.

All: *That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ*

The crown is incensed in three separate groups of three, while the priest prays:

P. Receive this sweet offering upon Thy heavenly altar, and through Our Lady, Thy most holy Mother, send down upon us the Grace of Thine all Holy Spirit.

The crown is then sprinkled with holy water

P: Praising Thee who hast woven for the world a Crown not made by the hand of man, we cry to Thee: Rejoice, O Virgin, the guardian of all men, fortress and stronghold and sacred refuge.

R: *Most holy Mother of God, save us.*

P: The whole world was amazed at Thy divine glory: for Thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, hast held in Thy womb the God of all and hast given birth to an eternal Son, who rewards with salvation all who sing Thy praises.

R: *Most holy Mother of God, save us.*

P: Rejoice, most immaculate one, who gavest birth to the Way of life, and who savest the world from the flood of sin. Rejoice, Virgin Bride, tidings fearful to tell and hear. Rejoice, dwelling-place of the Master of all creation.

R: *Most holy Mother of God, save us.*

P: Rejoice, most pure one, the strength and fortress of men, sanctuary of glory, the death of death, all-radiant bridal chamber. Rejoice, joy of angels. Rejoice, helper of them that pray to Thee with faith.

R: *Most holy Mother of God, save us.*

P: Most Holy Mother of God have mercy upon us, listen to the prayers of your servants who have honored you the handmaid of the Father, the Mother of our Lord, and the Queen of All.

The crown is then placed upon the image, followed by a pause, and then, the priest kneeling on one knee before the image says:

P: Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope!

R: *Radiant Lady, Sovereign Queen, hear us and come to our aid.*

P: Dearest and most merciful God, Grant that by your grace we may serve you and our neighbor on earth and be welcomed into your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Your most holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **All:** *Amen.*