

Opening Devotion for the Order of Our Lady

Hail Mary of Gold

attributed to St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), German Benedictine, mystic, theologian

Hail, Mary, White Lily of the Glorious and always-serene Trinity.

Hail brilliant Rose of the Garden of heavenly delights;

O you, by whom God wanted to be born and by whose milk the King of Heaven wanted to be nourished!

Nourish our souls with effusions of divine grace.

Amen!

The Angelus

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[L. Let us contemplate the first of the seven great Mysteries of our Holy Lady Mary, and see in it the key to the practice of the Presence of Christ, the very pathway of the human soul toward union of its perfected part in God.

R. Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Purity; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we turn for our example in this temporal world. Look with thine eyes of love upon us, most gracious Lady, and show thyself as our guide out of exile – the way to the Presence of thy Son, Jesus Christ.]

L. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

R. Hail thou art highly favored.

All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

* * * *(three triple rings of the bell)*

L. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it done unto me according to thy Word.

R. My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour.

All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

* * * *(three triple rings of the bell)*

L. And the Word was made Flesh:

P. And dwelt among us.

All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

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Lord Christ, whose life thy church doth lay before us as a perfect ensample for our imitation, grant us that we may have strength so to follow thee through suffering and mystical death, that we may rise with thee into the ineffable splendour of eternal life, thou who livest and reignest throughout the ages of ages.

Amen.

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Ave Maria

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Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum

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Maria, Maria, Maria

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Ave Maria

