Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place: thou and the ark, which thou hast sanctified.

— Psalm 131:8 (DR)



"He that is mighty, hath done great things to me."

— Luke 1:49 (DR)

THE MYSTERY CONTEMPLATED

Trinity → Fiat → Cross / Spirit / Pentecost
→ New Ark → Tabor / Resurrection → Assumption

The mystery contemplated here begins in the eternal love of the Trinity, enters history through Mary's fiat, passes beneath the shadow of the Cross, and reaches its flowering in the glory of the Assumption.

The Trinity



The icon recalls Abraham's three mysterious visitors and invites contemplation of the Most Holy Trinity. The Father's saving plan sends the Son, who assumes our humanity and embraces the Cross; the Holy Spirit brings the Incarnation to fulfillment in Mary.

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
— Matthew 28:19 (DR)

Mary's Fiat

Chosen by grace to be the Mother of the Son, Mary freely receives God's will. Her fiat continues from Nazareth to Calvary, where she remains united in faith with her Son beneath His Cross.

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word."
— Luke 1:38 (DR)



The Cross, the Spirit & Pentecost

The Crucifix points to Christ's saving sacrifice. The Dove recalls the Spirit who overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation; the flame also recalls Pentecost, when Mary prayed with the infant Church and the Spirit descended in fire.

"And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire..."
— Acts 2:3 (DR)

The New Ark

The Ark of the Old Covenant bore the signs of God's presence; Mary bore the Word made flesh. Psalm 131:8, quoted on the front, may therefore be contemplated in Marian typology: the Lord and the sanctified Ark enter the place of rest. Apocalypse 11:19–12:1 then places the heavenly Ark beside the great sign of the Woman, a figure with both ecclesial and Marian meaning.

"The ark of his testament was seen in his temple..."
"And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun..."
— Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1 (DR)

From Tabor to Glory



At the Transfiguration, Christ gives a foretaste of the glory beyond the Cross. His Resurrection is bodily, and Christian hope is likewise the resurrection of the body: Christ is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

"His face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."
— Matthew 17:2 (DR)

THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's Assumption is God's work: she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory. It is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.

"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection..."
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 966

PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION

Almighty everlasting God, who hast taken body and soul into heaven the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that by steadfastly keeping heaven as our goal we may be counted worthy to join her in glory. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

LATIN

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui Immaculátam Vírginem Maríam, Fílii tui Genitrícem, córpore et ánima ad cœléstem glóriam assumpsísti: concéde, quǽsumus; ut ad supérna semper intenti, ipsíus glóriæ mereámur esse consórtes. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum ...

— Collect, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1962 Roman Missal

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