MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LORETO Feast Day, December 10

COLLECT O God, who at the announcement of your angel willed that your Word would take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, to us who remember this great mystery in this holy place, the ability to celebrate both in faith and in holiness of life, the immensity of your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

See Lectionary for Mass, no.707-712 (pages 826-837).

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS	Almighty God, you blessed the Virgin Mary when she accepted your plan of salvation. Receive the gifts we now offer you. May they become for us a sacrifice pleasing to you, Through Christ our Lord.
Communion Rite	The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. (Easter: Alleluia)
Prayer after Communion	Lord God, in this commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto, you have given us a share in your redemption. Grant that we may enjoy your fullest blessings and experience ever more fully the mystery of our salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen

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82a Preface of Our Lady of Loreto

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right to give thanks and to praise your name, Father most holy, almighty and eternal God. We bless you and we give you glory through Jesus Christ your Son, as we celebrate the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At Nazareth she accepted the message of an angel That she had been chosen to be the Mother of God. By her daily presence in the life of her Son in the midst of the Holy Family, she shows us the beginnings of salvation and invites us to imitate her example.

Mother and disciple of the Lord, Mary treasured and pondered, deep within her heart, the first fruits of the Gospel.

As a virgin united in marriage with Joseph, the just man of faith, she celebrated you with song, worshiped you in silence, praised you with the work of her hands and glorified you with all her life.

In union with Mary and Joseph, and together with all the angels and saints and all the families who fear your name, we sing to you our hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

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