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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The mystery of Mary and the Church

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

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

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of original sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle. She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son, the innocent Lamb who would wipe away...
our of-fens-es; you placed her above all others to be for your peo-
ple an ad-vo-cate of grace and a mod-el of ho-li-ness. And so, in
company with the choirs of An-gels, we praise you, and with joy
we pro-claim: