

POSSIBLE LITURGICAL PLAN FOR A MAY PROCESSION
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office for Divine Worship

This procession, always apart from the celebration of Holy Mass, may take place indoors in the church or outdoors. If outdoors, a fitting shrine of the Blessed Mother should be in place. In both instances, flowers should decorate the shrine of the Blessed Mother. It is fitting that the crown consists of fresh flowers.

The priest vests in a white cope and stole, a deacon assists, if possible, to proclaim the Gospel. Servers should be in place as usual, especially to assist with the Roman Missal and lead the procession.

Entrance Hymn

Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Introduction

Collect

The Collect may come from any of the observances of the Blessed Virgin Mary or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman Missal or from the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word is carried out as at Mass with the readers and deacon, if present, proclaiming the Biblical Texts. These Lectionary Texts may come from any observance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary or from the Lectionary for the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Homily takes place as usual.

Intercessions

This may take the form of the Holy Rosary or the Litany of the Loreto.

Procession and Crowning

Depending on circumstances, all may process, following the liturgical order, to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin for the crowning. This procession should include hymns and anthems in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the shrine, the Blessed Mother is crowned. This may be followed by another Collect of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Greeting, Blessing and Dismissal, and Concluding Hymn

The Blessing may come from the Roman Missal, Solemn Blessings, number 15.