



## Mary's Bread



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Our Lady of the Eucharist  
Remind us that every church  
is a Bethlehem



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### Lady Mass and Mary's Bread

The practice of the daily provision of a Mass of Our Lady developed from the attribution of Saturday to Mary. The great Northumbrian scholar Alcuin composed six votive Masses of Our Lady, one for each day of the week except Sunday. He also produced two votive Masses in honour of Our Lady on Saturday.

There is evidence that The Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, attached to the Priory, provided funds for a Priest of Our Lady to say a daily Mass. "Also I give unto the fynding of oure ladie preste and for the light a good kendall jacket." Edmund Kendall, goldsmith.

The present Guild of Our Lady cannot provide a daily Mass of Our Lady, but it can provide an equivalent, Mary's Bread, which is Holy Communion in honour of Mary, conducted by Eucharistic Ministers. The readings for this service are taken from the Collection of Masses in honour of Our Lady.

The title "Our Lady" has a rich meaning in English. Lady comes from the OE "hlaefdige", meaning "maker of the bread". This reflects the close relation there has always been in English devotion between Our Lady and the Eucharist.

### Invitation

*Come home, it's suppertime!*

We hear your voice, O Mary,  
Calling us home.  
You invite us to share your Bread,  
To receive Holy Communion,  
To give alms to the poor,  
And hospitality to the pilgrim.  
Our Lady of the Eucharist,  
*Pray for us.*  
Mother of the Poor,  
*Pray for us.*  
Guide of the Pilgrim  
*Pray for us.*

### Invocation

*Warmth and growth*

Our Lady of Guisborough,  
You are the Flower of the Field.  
We are the wheat..  
May our faces turn with yours  
Toward the Sun of Righteousness.  
Direct us to life and growth.  
  
Mother who baked the bread  
That sustained the Bread of Life,  
Transform us in the consuming heat  
Of your loving heart,  
So that the bread we offer,  
And the bread we receive,  
May become one.

### Becoming what we are

*St Augustine*

It is the mystery of yourselves  
That is laid  
On the Lord's Table;  
It is the mystery of yourselves  
That you receive.  
To that which you are,  
You answer, "Amen"  
And in answering you assent.  
For you hear the words,  
"The Body of Christ"  
and you reply, "Amen".

### For the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Alcuin*

O Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
the immaculate of God,  
You, O Queen of Heaven,  
are the great hope of our life.  
To revere you, may the memory of your honour  
be remembered here;  
May you also regard those who pray to you with  
sincere devotion.  
Here may the servants and handmaids of God,  
kindest Virgin,  
Sense your presence and mercy towards their  
prayers,  
Rule over our days by your intercession,  
always and everywhere,  
That the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ  
may ever protect us.