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The Blessed Virgin Mary

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10.30 am

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Thank you for joining us for this online act of worship

Welcome to our worship today as we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed **Virgin Mary, the other of Jesus. There are many of the 'Marian feasts'** - the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple to name but a few. Today, though, we venerate Mary in splendid isolation!

'Exciting Holiness' tells us;

'Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response "Let it be to me according to your word" revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence for his Word, showing her worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh. This day is now celebrated as the major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout most of Christendom.'

It's good to welcome Dr Nick Gravestock as our preacher this morning.

Before the worship begins, you might like to prepare some bread and wine (or juice or something similar) to share when it comes time for the **receiving of communion. Technically speaking this won't be consecrated** bread and wine but it is still being set aside for the purposes of spiritual communion, what in times past early Christians would have called an **'agape' meal, a meal of love and thanksgiving.**

You'll see that our service today includes three hymns -please do join in with these at home! Please also join in with the words in bold type.

Welcome to the Melbourne Rectory Dining Room.

We Worship God Together

Hymn

SING we of the blessed Mother
who received the angels word,
And obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the Joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Tokened in the wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May thy Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

Words: GEORGE B. TIMMS (1910-97) Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH Cyril Taylor (11907-91)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We say sorry

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight

and chosen what displeased him.

Yet as a mother comforts her child,

so shall the Lord himself comfort us.

So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

A time of quiet is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared.

May the God of love and power

✠forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

To God we sing on high

with worship, thanks and praise;

His glory reigns beyond the sky:

Brings peace to human days.

In Christ we see the face
Of love, the only Son,
The Lamb of God whose saving grace
O'er sin and death has won.

Receive our prayer, O Lord,
The high and holy one –
In Jesus Christ and Spirit poured
The Father's glory's done!

Words: NEIL THOMPSON

Tune: SANDYS *from W. Sandy's Christmas Carols, 1833*

The Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading
Luke 1.46-55

Alleluia, alleluia.
My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. *Luke 1.46,47*
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

After a time of quiet,

Almighty and everlasting God,
your handmaid Mary magnified your name
and rejoiced in your saving love:
trusting in that same love,
we ask all these our prayers
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

cf Isaiah 9.6

The peace of Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The altar is prepared whilst the hymn is sung.

Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.

Words: PERCY DEARMER(1867-1936)

Tune: QUEM PASTORES LAUDAVERE R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Prayer of Offering

God our Father,
as your handmaid Mary nourished your Son
So now feed us at your table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the great prayer of thanksgiving where, like Jesus at the Last Supper, we offer our bread and wine to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We share bread and wine whilst music is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray
God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We receive God's Blessing

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forever more!

Words:TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH (b.1926) Tune:WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord:
thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.

***Thank you for being part of today's worship.
Stay safe and may God be with you.***

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