

Mary, Mother of the Lord 16 August 2020

Gathering in God's Name Prelude: "Antienne" from Mariales. Naji Hakim.

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Let us confess out sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Loving God, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son: grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from Isaiah

61: 10 – 62: 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

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and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord , and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

At the endHear the word of the LordAllThanks be to God

Psalm 113

Response:



May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore.

Response

From the sun's rising to its setting, praised be the name of the Lord! High above nations is the Lord, high above heaven is God's glory.

Response

Who is like the Lord our God, who has ris'n on high to the throne, yet stoops down from the heights above to look upon the heav'ns and earth?

Response

From the dust God lifts up the poor, from the dirt the lowly are raised up, to be set in the midst of princes yes, with princes of the people. **Response**

Reading from Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

At the end	Hear the word of the Lord
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Hymn



Mary, mother of our Lord, Alleluia! bore the true and living Word. Alleluia! May we, too, consent today and, with her, our God obey. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

When she did not understand, Alleluia! what would come of God's command, Alleluia! still she served the Holy One; may we too, in faith go on. Alleluia!

Mary, listening, took her part, Alleluia! treasured all things in her heart; Alleluia! so, with Mary, may we find Jesus' wisdom, strong and kind. Alleluia!

Mary, weeping, at the cross, Alleluia! loved her son and knew the cost; Alleluia!

may our love, as hers, be strong though the way of pain be long. Alleluia!

Mary knew the Spirit's power, Alleluia! in the church as wind and fire; Alleluia! may our church be open still to the Spirit's gracious will. Alleluia! Words: Elizabeth J. Smith Tune Chislehurst Sydney Hugo Nicholson 1875-1947 TIS 369

Alleluia, **alleluia!** Mary is taken up to heaven; And the angels of God shout for joy. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2: 1-7 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

At the endThis is the gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Revd Canon Prof. Dorothy Lee

Prayers of the people

After each section: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

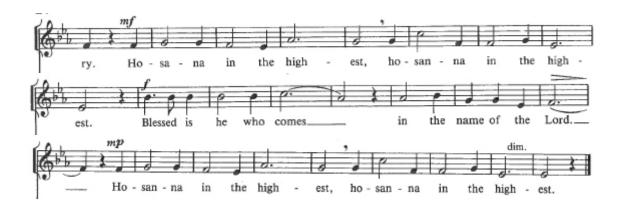
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS





Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: by your cross and res-ur - ec-tion, Lord, you have set us free. Lord, by your cross and re sur - ec-tion, have you set us free, You are the Sav - iour of the world.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.



The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Anthem: "Ave, maris stella." Edvard Grieg (1843-1907).

Hail, bright star of Heaven, praise to thee be given; blest above all other, glorious maid and mother. Love the bonds that bind us, purge the sins that blind us; from all evil guard us, pray God's gifts reward us. Make us lowly, follow thee all holy; crown our souls' endeavour, joy with Christ for ever. Praise to God and blessing, Christ our Lord confessing, with the Holy Spirit one with thee in merit. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The sending out of God's People

Most loving God, You send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ; and the blessing of

God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude: Meine Seele erhebt den Herren Fugue on the Magnificat. BWV 733 J S Bach

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St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental.

God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

- To grow substantially in faith and numbers
- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups children and adults equally
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term
- To become more open to change as we learn to grow

