



St Mary's

Choral Evensong

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 15 August 2025

7pm

Celebrant: Fr Stuart Soley SMMS

Choir: Polyphonic Voices under the direction of Michael Fulcher

*Welcome to St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne
Thank you for joining us today*

INTROIT

Ave Maria by Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1542-1611)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Please stand as the bell rings and the procession enters the church

HYMN

Gr. Capo 1 Eb(D) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Bb(A)

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D) Ab(G) Cm(Bm) Ab(G)

Eb(D) Fm(Em) Gm(F#m) Bb(A) Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D)

1. For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.

2. Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,
though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Saviour of mankind.
3. The busy world had got no space
or time for God on earth;
a cattle manger was the place
where Mary gave him birth.
4. She gave her body as God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of life divine,
when Jesus Christ was slain.
5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.
6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.

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Music: St Botolph 86.86 by Gordon Archbold Slater (1896-1979)

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*The Presider offers a word of welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
The Presider and Choir continue with the Preces:*

PRECES AND RESPONSES

by Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Please be seated as the Choir sings the Psalm

PSALM 138

1. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2. I will worship towards thy holy temple and praise the Name
because of thy loving kindness and truth:
for thou hast magnified thy name and thy word above all things.
3. When I called upon thee thou heardest me:
and enduest my soul with much strength.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee O Lord:
For they have heard the words of my mouth.
5. Yea they shall sing in the ways of the Lord:
That great is the glory of the Lord.
6. For though the Lord be high yet hath he respect unto the lowly:
as for the proud he beholdeth them afar off.

7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble
yet shalt thou refresh me:
Thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the
furiousness of mine enemies
And thy right hand shall save me.
8. The Lord shall make good his loving kindness toward me:
Yea thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever
Despite not then the works of thine own hands.

Please stand (and bow) as the Choir sings the Gloria

GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please be seated for the First Reading

FIRST READING

The first reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah:

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

(Isaiah 61:10-62:3)

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings the Magnificat

MAGNIFICAT

Canticles: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) Second Service

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662

Please be seated for the Second Reading

SECOND READING

The second reading is from the Gospel according to St Luke:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar 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 in the guest room.

(Luke 2:1-7)

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings the Nunc Dimittis

NUNC DIMMITTIS

Canticles: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) Second Service

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1662

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Presider and Choir continue with the Responses

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Please be seated or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT

Collect for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Evening Collect:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please be seated as the Choir sings the Anthem

ANTHEM

Salve Regina by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

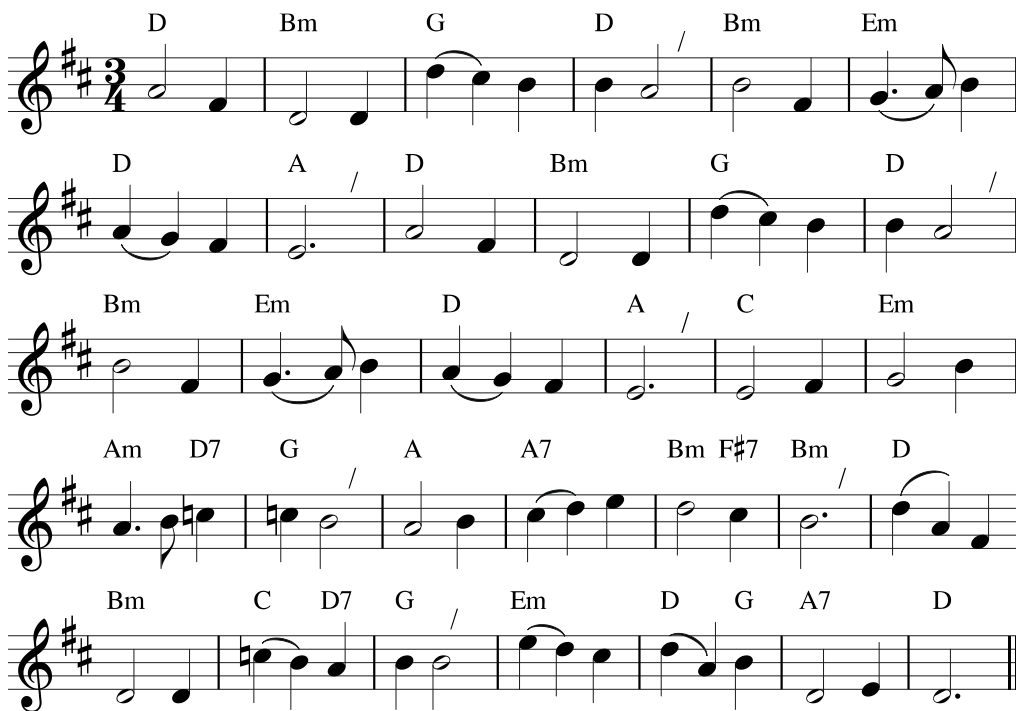
*Hail, Queen, Mother of Mercies,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope, hail.
To you do we cry, exiled children of Eve.
To you do we sigh, groaning and weeping,
in this valley of tears.
Here, then, our advocate,
turn your merciful eyes towards us;
And Jesus, blessed fruit of your womb,
show us after this our exile.
O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

*Prayers of intercession are offered
Please kneel, if you are able. These prayers conclude with:*

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Please stand for the singing of the Final Hymn

HYMN



1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's 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.
2. 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 high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3. 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,
manifest through wind and flame.
4. 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 your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

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*Notices may be given by the Presider, and then the service
concludes with the congregation saying together the words of the Grace:*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Fuga sopra il Magnificat by Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV733)

All are invited for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Service.

LITURGIES AT SAINT MARY'S

THIS SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Festive Sung Eucharist

EVERY SUNDAY

8 am The Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am.

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THE EUCHARIST

Thursday at 12 pm.

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