



St John the Divine
Eucharist Service
Mary, Mother of our Lord
Sunday 16th August 2020

Welcome to our live-streamed service. The link can be found on the parish website: stjohndivine.org.au

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Sentence

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children. Galatians 4.4-5

Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) - tune: Woodlands
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- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 for evermore!

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We have done what is wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeases him.
Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord comfort us.
So let us come to him who knows
our every deed and thought.

Silence is kept.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our
faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

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.**

GLORIA AND COLLECT

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**
**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Even though today is not specifically the feast day of the Annunciation, of all the Gospel passages involving Mary, this is the favourite for many. The Old Testament reading that introduces it is regarded as referring to Mary and Jesus.

First reading - from the Old Testament

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah 7.14-15:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

May your word live in us
And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 1.26-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered

what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: For Mary, mother of our Lord

by John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) - tune: *St Botolph*
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- 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. The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
made answer willingly.**
- 3. The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.**
- 4. She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain,
and knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.**
- 5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to ev'ry family.**
- 6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

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

Reflective music: *Ave María* by Charles Gounod/J.S.Bach

*During this time candles will be lit on behalf of everyone
who is, or has been, accompanying others in their pain
and suffering, whether physically present with them or
not - just as Mary did with her Son.*

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary nourished your Son with her body.
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.
For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
At the cross she kept her vigil, and saw the saving work
of your Son brought to its perfection.
She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose
you intend for all your children.
Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:
**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.**

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:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for
you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with
thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for
you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed
for you, and be thankful. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

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.

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.**

Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones
by John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)
tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*
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*The second verse is specifically about Mary, even though it
doesn't mention her by name.*

- 1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!**
- 2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the Eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!**

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song,
alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu-ia!

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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 upon you and those whom you love and pray for,
now and always. **Amen.**

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

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If anyone needs to come on site for any reason, then you have to be given written permission by Fr John beforehand - otherwise both you and the parish would be liable for large fines.

*Cooking for **The Dining Room Mission** - August 18th & 25th*

Once again it is St John's turn to cook, and thanks to our growing team of cooks and helpers we will be providing the complete 3 course takeaway meal this coming Tuesday and also helping out by cooking the dessert for next week.

If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry please contact Cathy or email the parish office. The cooking is done in your own home and volunteers who need to travel during the COVID lockdown are provided with a letter of permission.

Donations towards the cost of the ingredients can be made directly into the St John's bank account – please put 'TDRM' in the description.

*Our **weekly newsletter** is being distributed via email or post, to every household. This has detailed news, and includes the readings, sermon, and some prayers. If you are a member of the parish and are not yet receiving this directly - or would like to become a member in order to receive it - please contact me directly, or through the parish office at office@stjohndivine.org.au*

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