



The Anglican Parish of  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Mary, Mother of our Lord

15 August (DRAFT 2)



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Online Service of  
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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*Welcome*

*Fr. Michael*

*Organ Prelude*

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648 – J.S.Bach

*My soul proclaims the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.*

*Opening Sentence:*

*sung by Cantor*

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

*The Greeting*

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare  
God's glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

Psalms 96.2-3

*The following thanksgiving is said together*

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you  
for life and health and safety,  
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,  
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.  
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection;  
for the gift of your Spirit;  
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture*

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us  
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.  
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,  
so that we may be ready to serve you;  
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Reader: Dell Ponsonby*

Is 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; 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.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

*The Magnificat*

*sung by Cantor*

Arr. Healey Willan

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiceth in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
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 shewed 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 rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and to his seed for ever.

*New Testament Reading*

*Reader: Fr. Michael*

Luke 2.1-7

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.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

*Organ Acclamation*

*Corde natus (Prière) - June Nixon (b.1950)*

*based on the hymn: 'Of the Father's love begotten'*

*The Sermon*

*Fr. Michael*

*Musical Reflection*

*Ave Maria – Charles Gounod (1818-1893)*

*Hail Mary, full of grace; Hail Lord; the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed are you and the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Hail Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners*

*Now and at the hour of our death.*

*Affirmation of Faith*

**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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### *Invitation to the Confession*

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enable us to live for you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *The minister declares God's forgiveness*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Jesus is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7.25

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### *The Intercessions*

*Leader: Dell Ponsonby*

God honoured Mary by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus.

Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence, we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic. We pray for your strengthening of all those committed to offering costly leadership during this crisis.

We give thanks for everybody who devotes their life to bringing peace and calm. May the grace of the Holy Spirit touch all protagonists in our world and bring them together in peace and shared prosperity.

Let us pray for the emergency services, professional services and leaders working to keep us all safe from Covid19. We give thanks for their dedication and good work. May your Spirit strengthen and guide them in their darkest hours of struggle to retain the hope of success. May their offerings be magnified to your praise and glory. As Jesus helped people in need, please give wisdom, helpful initiatives and practical solutions for the health of our society. We give you thanks for the loving care offered by our Church Family to those in need.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour whom you sent to live among us and have raised from death to life. We pray for the church: for a spirit of repentance, of faithfulness and obedience, for power to proclaim your gospel in sacrament, deed and word. We pray for the church throughout the world.

Your compassionate, peaceful and creative response to many crises is our model. Aware of our fragility, we pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can to end this pandemic. We thank you for, and pray for all who selflessly give their time helping to ensure Christ Church is able to continue to offer devotion, prayer and support during this difficult time. We especially thank you for the devotion and care of Fr. Michael, Fr. Bill and canon Libby.

We pray for all who are ill. We pray for those anxious about getting ill. We pray for those full of grief and struggling to cope with the changes we all face.

We pray for families who have lost loved ones. May those who have died share to the full in Christ's victory over sin and death.

As we worship in resurrection faith, we offer our heartfelt prayer in your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**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 SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *Prayer*

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,  
feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us  
to love and serve you  
and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *The Blessing*

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace;  
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*

Dear sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### *Postlude*

Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

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MUSIC LINKS:

HYMNS:

**For Mary, mother of our Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWS-Jtaly7w>

**Tell out my soul**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0>

ANTHEMS:

**Ave Maria – Robert Parsons**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2WrDvI847g>

**Ave, maris stella – Edvard Gieg**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmFFYZID4rg>

**Ave Maria – Anton Bruckner**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbHKnUhdv8g>

**The Angel Gabriel**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuC4wSyjhNA>

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