

The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin



AUGUST 15, 2026
5:00 PM

SOLEMN EVENSONG
HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome



PRELUDE *Prière à Notre Dame from Suite gothique*

Léon Boëllman

HYMN *Sing of Mary, pure and lowly*

1. Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin moth - er un - de - filed,
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to God the Son;

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.
Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; Glo - ry to the Three in One.

Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
From the heart of bles - sed Ma - ry, From the saints the song as cends,

Word made flesh, our ve - ry broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Forth to preach and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes Un - to earth's re mot - est ends.

OPENING SENTENCE Jeremiah 31:12-13

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- *said by all*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- *declared by the celebrant*

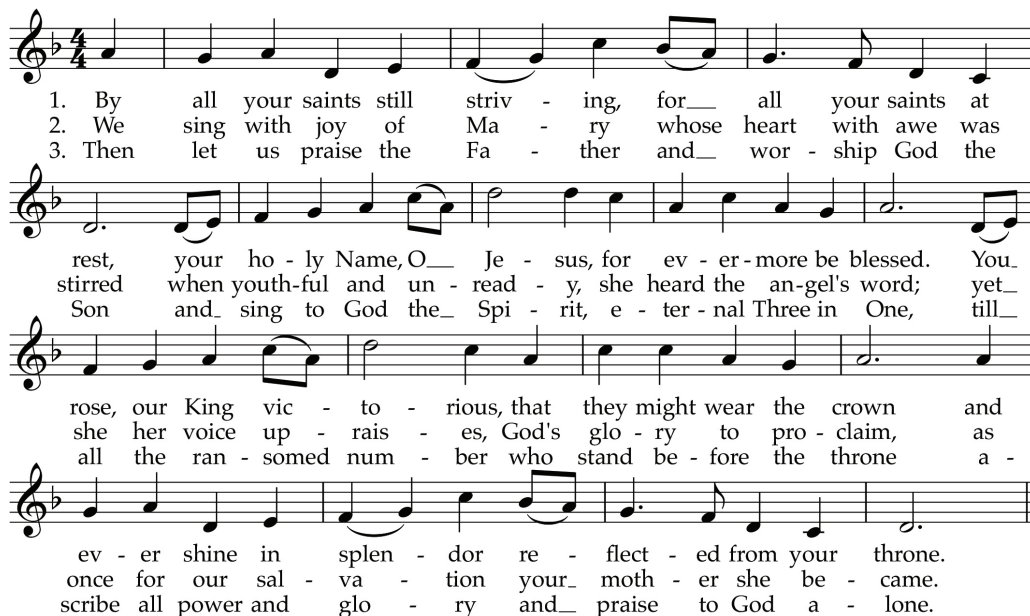
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life.

Amen.

THE PRECES

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

HYMN *By all your saints still striving*



1. By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at
 2. We sing with joy of Ma - ry whose heart with awe was
 3. Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the

rest, your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed. You
 stirred when youth - ful and un - read - y, she heard the an - gel's word; yet
 Son and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One, till

rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown and
 she her voice up - rais - es, God's glo - ry to pro - claim, as
 all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne a -

ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
 once for our sal - va - tion your moth - er she be - came.
 scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

PSALM 34:1-9

Thomas Norris

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 I will glory in the Lord; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
 let us exalt his Name together.
 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
 Look upon him and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.
 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
 and he will deliver them.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!
 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:10-11

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange
King's College Service

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state 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;
indeed, 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 imagination 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 come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Joanna Forbes L’Estrange
King’s College 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A COLLECT FOR SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her 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.

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

Amen.

ANTHEM *Ave Maria*

Franz Biebl

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit:
Ecce ancilla Domini
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria ...

Et verbum caro factum est
Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria ...

Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said:
Behold the handmaiden of the Lord.
Do to me according to your word.

Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Common Worship of The Church of England

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we say with Mary: Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive
and bear a son who would be called God-with-us. Help us to look
forward to your deliverance and to seek the fullness of your reign.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the mother of the
Saviour. Help every person to be open to your word and obedient to
your will.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.' Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary bore a son of David's line, whose reign would never end. Bless all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph. Strengthen our homes and families, and keep under your protection all those whom we love.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother, and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms. Give comfort and healing to [... and] all who suffer and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun. Bring us with all those who have died in the faith of Christ to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

• *silence*

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

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 Savior, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME

HYMN 268 *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*

Introduction/Interlude



Descant



4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma me - a

won - ders that were done when the love of God the
whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



made the Vir-gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."



The Annunciation (March 25); The Visitation (May 31).

Words: Sts. 1-3, Vincent Stucky Stratton Coles (1845-1929), alt; st. 4, F. Bland
 Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Julion*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

celebrant *people*

God be with you. And al - so with you.

celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

people

We lift them to the Lord.

celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

people

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary our mother, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

THE GREAT AMEN

A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER • *sung by all*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM • S 161 *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

ANTHEM *Mother of God, here I stand*

John Tavener

Mother of God, here I stand now praying,
Before this icon of your radiant brightness,
Not praying to be saved from a battlefield,
Not giving thanks, nor seeking forgiveness
For the sins of my soul, nor for all the souls.
Numb, joyless, and desolate on earth,
But for her alone, whom I wholly give you.

— based on a text by Mikhail Lermontov

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- *all stand; said by all*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen

BLESSING

Our Lady and all the Saints pray for you.
St. Michael and all the Holy Angels defend you.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless,
preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

HYMN 278 *Sing we of the blessed Mother*

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fer - ing knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her Son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

Saint Mary the Virgin (August 15).

Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

serving today . . .

The Rev. Edgar Wallace, *celebrant*
The Rev. Charles Myers, *associate dean*
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*
Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*
, lectors
, intercessor

Randy Peters, Carolyn VanZant, *eucharistic ministers*
Hunter Lumbatis, Kim McDaniel, Josh Edwards, *acolytes*
Blossom Marshall, *thurifer*
Ben Wilson, *greeter/usher*
Bobbie Fritton, *bell ringer*
Tim Tice, *live stream*

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*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15



Christ Church Cathedral

⇒ *a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city* ⇐

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