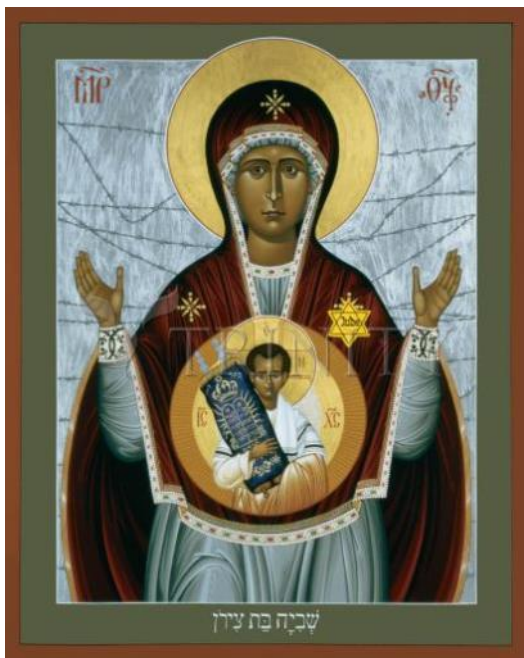


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# Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord



‘Captive Daughter of Zion’

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9.30am & 11.00 a.m. Eucharist



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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn—AHB 222/TiS 302. tune, Gabriel's Message

1. **The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!**
2. **'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!**
3. **Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
'most highly favoured lady'. Gloria!**
4. **of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
most highly favoured lady, Gloria!**

Basque Carol, paraphrased by  
Sabine Baring-Gould 1834–1924

### *The Priest welcomes and Greets the congregation*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### *The Sentence*

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of  
what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1. 45

### *The prayer of preparation*

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Introduction to Confession*

Born of a woman, born under the law,  
Christ has redeemed us from the curse of sin:  
let us come to him that he may heal us and set us free:

*Kyrie Confession*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the  
Father;

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The Absolution*

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**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.**

*The Collect 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 the prophecy of 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;  
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.**

**Canticle:** *The Song of Mary (all stand)*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;  
The Almighty has done great things for me:  
and holy is his name.  
God has mercy on those who fear him:  
from generation to generation.  
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:  
and lifting up the lowly.  
God has filled the hungry with good things:  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*A time of quiet reflection follows the sermon*

*The 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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray with Mary that God may do great things in and through us we pray:

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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 kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Saviour.

Help every Christian person to be open to your word and obedient to your will.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Mary bore a son of David's line, a king whose reign would never end.

Bless Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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: Melanie, Bob C, Warren G,  
Wayne, Bronwyn, Vi Bussell, Neliya Don Leonard, Trent,  
Kaye McKenzie, Nina Colson, Josef, Michael Tomlinson,  
and all who suffer,  
and all who watch the suffering of those they love.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven,  
robed with the sun.  
Bring us with: Edna Norman, Eileen McLean, Hope Hoysted,  
Laurence Cutler, Keith Cleal, Edith Garraway, James Aylward,  
Daphne Johnson, Allan Kerris, Betty Walch, Clarice Maddern,  
Frank de Klepper, Joyce McDonough and all those who have  
died in the faith of Christ to share the joy of heaven with Mary  
and all the saints.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Concluding prayer*

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

*Please stand*



## 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.**

*The gifts of the people are collected and presented during the singing of the Offertory Hymn*

**Hymn**—tune, St Botolph or St Peter (AHB 158)

- 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. God's handmaid, she at once obeyed,  
by her 'Thy will be done';  
The second Eve love's answer made  
which our redemption won.**
- 4. The busy world had got no space  
or time for God on earth;  
A cattle manger was the place  
where Mary gave him birth.**
- 5. She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
She knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.**
- 6. Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee  
There comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.**
- 7. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
And blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.**

J. R. PEACEY (1896--1971)

*Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

God our Father,  
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.  
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven  
and the cup of salvation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

*Count 3 notes, then sing*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. ✠

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and bring us  
with Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**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.**

*All sing*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Invitation to Communion is given*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*An invitation is extended to all communicant members  
of the Christian Church to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing and not Communion  
please come to the communion rail  
and keep your hands behind your back*

*This will be the sign that you want a blessing and not communion.*

## AFTER COMMUNION

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;

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### *Notices*

**Hymn**—AHB 617. tune, Lourdes.

- 1. Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you:  
his power and his mercy, his grace given to you.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria;  
ave, ave, ave Maria!***
- 2. Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,  
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.**
- 3. To you, by an angel, the Father made known  
the grace of his Spirit, the gift of his Son.**
- 4. Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,  
most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived.**
- 5. The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;  
your joy is the joy of all ages to come.**
- 6. Your child is the Saviour, all hope lies in him:  
he gives us new life and redeems us from sin.**
- 7. With sorrow you watched while your Son died for men;  
with joy at his rising, you saw him again.**
- 8. In glory for ever now close to your Son,  
all ages will praise you for all God has done.**

9. **Through you to your Son lead us, Mary, we pray;  
through Christ to the Father is our only way.**

***Ave, ave, ave Maria;  
ave, ave, ave Maria!***

Brian Foley 1919-  
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### THE BLESSING AND 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 among you and remain with you always.. **Amen.**

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

Composed by Neil Hicks, 2023

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The Church of England shares this patristic heritage, but at the Reformation objected to the 'cult' of Mary, which had gradually developed in the previous centuries. In 1854 the Pope declared as a matter of faith the long tradition, celebrated on 15 August, that Mary had been 'assumed body and soul' into heaven. Anglicans can affirm that Mary, as mother of our Lord, shares the glory of God's kingdom, and has a unique place among God's people. Of all the saints, she is most truly alive in Christ, as Theotokos still. But the lack of a scriptural basis for her 'assumption' raises questions, and any idea of her being exalted at the expense of Christ is rejected.

Tragically, sharpening Protestant-Catholic polemics meant that "to be Roman Catholic came to be identified by an emphasis on devotion to Mary"<sup>3</sup>, while for many Anglicans she was effectively absent from their Christian lives. Over the past fifty years these contrasts have significantly lessened. On the Roman Catholic side, the Second Vatican Council (1962–65) taught that Mary must only be seen in relation to Christ and the Church, and Pope Paul VI's 1974 encyclical *Marialis Cultus* gave clear teaching about her ministry. On the Anglican side, the distinctive place of Mary in God's economy of salvation has been appreciated afresh, so that, across the Communion, 15 August has been restored to celebrate the distinctive ministry of Mary in her own right, as 'Mother of our Lord'.

For Anglicans, the most familiar form of 'Marian devotion' is the praying of her song (the Magnificat) at Evening Prayer. We use it not only as a hymn from the past, but join in singing it to the praise of God with her, as truly alive in Christ. Mary is thus a 'type', a living symbol of the whole people of God, the body of Christ. This is the focal point of celebrating her feast on this day. As ARCIC II concluded, "Of Mary, both personally and as a representative figure, we can say she is 'God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10)."

*Sources include ARCIC II, Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ (London: SPCK / CTS, 2005).*

*Article is from "Australian Anglicans Remember"*

*Notes:*

- 2) Theotokos can be translated as 'mother of God' in English, a rendition commonly misunderstood among Protestants as implying that Mary is mother of the Creator. Anglicans affirm the term's intention, to bear clear witness to the deity of Christ, but 'mother of God' is not used in Anglican formularies.
- 3) ARCIC II, *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ* (London: SPCK / CTS, 2005) sect. 47. This Agreed Statement faces the questions that have arisen about Mary, including the 1854 and 1950 papal dogmas, and offers fresh ways of understanding and apprehending her ministry.

## August 15: Mary, Mother of our Lord

### **Why celebrate Mary on this day?**

Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Lord and Christ, has a distinctive place among God's people. Yet until the inclusion of this day (15 August) in APBA, Australian Anglicans had no Festival to celebrate the ministry of Mary in her own right. BCP retained five pre-Reformation feasts that relate to her: Presentation (2 February), Annunciation (25 March), Visitation (31 May), her Birth (8 September) and Conception (8 December). But at the time of the Reformation in the Church of England, 15 August was omitted from the calendar, due to its strong links with Marian devotions, which set her alongside Christ.

The gospels bear witness to Mary as the mother of Jesus (Matthew and John especially). Her response to the word of God through Gabriel, "let it be (fiat) to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) is the exemplar of Christian obedience. Mary celebrates God's saving work in song (Luke 1:46–55 — its first word is Magnificat in Latin), hears Simeon and Anna's welcome to the Saviour and word of warning (Luke 2:29–38) and "treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51), reflections no doubt recalled on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:14). John's gospel never uses her name: she is "the mother of Jesus", directing others to him (John 2:5) and staying with him to death. John initially speaks of Jesus as part of his mother's family (John 2:1–2), but after his first miracle she is his follower, herself a disciple (John 2:12). Mark emphasises this point, that the true 'family' of Christ are not his earthly relatives: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister" (Mark 3:35).

Mary's distinctive place as 'mother of our Lord' played a key role in the responses made in the early church to false teaching. Against docetism (that Jesus only 'seemed' (dokeo) to be human) it was emphasised that he did not just 'pass through' Mary's womb, but was born of her flesh (cf 1 John 4:2). Conversely, when questions were raised about the true deity of Christ, that Jesus was "conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary" (Apostles' Creed) was seen as witnessing to his divine origin and identity. Mary was thus confessed as Theotokos, 'she who bore God', as the Chalcedonian Definition puts it.<sup>2</sup>

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