

# MORNING PRAYER

Sunday 15 August 2021

Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

*Welcome to this service of Morning Prayer, and thank you for joining us whether from near or far. Please add your voice and your prayers as we worship God together.*

*The service of **Morning Prayer** has its roots in the daily pattern of prayer and worship in monastic communities. The liturgy draws richly on the scriptures: both in the appointed psalms and readings, and also in other songs (canticles) and responses. Today's pew sheet (see [www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)) contains a third reading, set for today but not included in this service.*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118.24*

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Opening Cantic, A Song of God's Herald*

Go up to a high mountain, herald of good tidings to  
Zion: lift up your voice with strength, herald of  
good tidings to Jerusalem.  
Lift up your voice, fear not: say to the cities of Judah,  
'Behold your God!'  
See the Lord God, coming with power: coming to  
rule with his mighty arm.  
He brings his reward for the people of God: the  
recompense for those who are saved.  
God will feed his flock like a shepherd: and gather  
the lambs in his arms;  
He will hold them to his breast: and gently lead those  
that are with young.

*Isaiah 40.9-11*

## *The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *Confession*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## *Psalm*

Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his  
servants: O praise the name of the Lord.  
Let the name of the Lord be blessed: from this time  
forward and for ever.  
From the rising of the sun to its going down: let the  
name of the Lord be praised.  
The Lord is exalted over all the nations: and his glory  
is above the heavens.

Who can be likened to the Lord our God: in heaven  
or upon the earth,  
Who has his dwelling so high: yet condescends to  
look on things beneath?  
He raises the lowly from the dust: and lifts the poor  
from out of the dungheap;  
He gives them a place among the princes: even  
among the princes of his people.  
He causes the barren woman to keep house: and  
makes her a joyful mother of children. Praise the  
Lord.

(113)

From the rising of the sun to its setting we praise  
your name, O Lord; may your promise to raise the  
poor from the dust and turn the fortunes of the needy  
upside down be fulfilled in our time also, as it was in  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Reading from the First Testament (Hebrew Bible)*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

'I surely rejoice in the LORD;  
my heart is joyful because of my God,  
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,  
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness  
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,  
and like a bride adorned in jewellery.

As the earth puts out its growth,  
and as a garden grows its seeds,  
so the LORD God will grow righteousness and  
praise before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still  
until her righteousness shines out like a light,  
and her salvation blazes like a torch.

Nations will see your righteousness,  
all kings your glory.

You will be called by a new name,  
which the LORD's own mouth will determine.

You will be a splendid garland in the LORD's hand,  
a royal turban in the palm of God's hand.'!"

(61.10-62.3; CEB)

Here ends the first reading.

### *Reading from the New Testament*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone  
throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax  
lists. This first enrolment occurred when Quirinius  
governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to  
be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house

and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth  
in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in  
Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary,  
who was promised to him in marriage and who was  
pregnant. While they were there, the time came for  
Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn  
child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a  
manger, because there was no place for them in the  
guestroom.

(2.1-7; CEB)

Here ends the second reading.

*The readings are followed by a short period of silence for  
reflection, then the response*

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

### *The Canticle, The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

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.'

*Luke 1.47-55*

### *Sermon*



### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

**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 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.**

### *Intercessions and Thanksgivings*

*concluding with the Parish Prayer:*

**Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing,  
your love has been poured into our hearts.  
Renew our trust in you,  
and shape our lives to the call of Jesus,  
our crucified and risen Lord.  
Make us a people of blessing and hope,  
so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn  
to the compassion of Christ. Amen.**

### *The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are  
created and by whose love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may  
give ourselves to your service, and live this day in  
love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

*2 Corinthians 13.14*