

The Festival of the Virgin Mary 11th August



“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Saviour, for he has looked
with favour on the lowliness of
his servant. Surely, from now
on all generations will call me
blessed; *Luke 1, 46-47*

Leader The Lord almighty grant us a
quiet Night and a perfect end.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All. who made heaven and earth.

L. As we come together this evening in Jesus’s name as the family St
Matthews, we give thanks for the Good news that the living Lord Jesus
Christ, the word who became flesh, is among us, as we meet in His name.

.Leader. O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Lighting of Worship Candles



Leader. The Lord is my light and
my salvation:
my God shall make my darkness
into brightness.
The light and peace of Jesus Christ
be with you

All. and also with you

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **All.** and also with you.

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Invitation to Confession

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

Moments Silence.

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

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

leader Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh;
Lord, have mercy. **All. Lord, have mercy.**

Leader. We pray that the Almighty and merciful Lord
grants us
pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Reader , Said Hymn, Sing of Mary meek and lowly

Sing of Mary meek and lowly,
Virgin-mother pure and mild,
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

2 Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though he went forth from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.

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3 Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain reechoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

**All. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

Leader. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

**All. we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Reader, 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;

**All. you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Leader For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,

All. in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Leader *The Collect.* 'Let us pray'.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
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.**

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Galatians 4.4-7

Reader. 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **All. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Leader Alleluia, alleluia.

All. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb. *cf Luke 1.28,42*

Leader

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All. Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.46-55

Leader Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness 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.

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 thoughts 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

helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the

promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed/

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.

Leader. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

All. maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is seen and unseen.

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Reader. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

All God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

R2. begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

All through him all things were made.

Leader. For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

Reader . 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;

**All. he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

Reader, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
All. and his kingdom will have no end.

Leader. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
**All. 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.**

Leader. 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.

Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession

Leader. Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy
Spirit working among us, That we might tell “The word of Truth” and live the
Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

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Reader. Creator God, we thank you for our world, for the beauty all around us. Help us to see your Glory in all creation.

We pray for your guidance as we care for the world, and for your Spirit to help us be better stewards of the resources we have,
and teach us to protect every living thing on our planet.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader. Loving God we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know who are in need at this time.....

Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader, We pray for The Sick and Those in Need named on our parish news page, and those we name this evening of

Names .

May Christs healing hand rest upon them and give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

May they rest in peace

AND RISE IN GLORY

Father, we rejoice all out prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

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**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father
**Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

The Peace

Leader Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9.6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All. and also with you.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.
Nourish us this evening with your Holy Spirit
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.
All. His Spirit is with us.

Reader. Lift up your hearts.
All. We lift them to the Lord.

Reader. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Reader. It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,
and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed,
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.

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Leader. 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.

All. Hosanna in the highest.

L. The Lord be with you

All. and also with you.

Leader. Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. **Amen**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Leader Jesus, We believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
We love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into our soul.
Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our heart's.

All. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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Moment of silent reflection.

L. Soul of Christ,- **sanctify me.**
Body of Christ,- **save me.**
Blood of Christ, - **inebriate me.**
Water from the side of Christ,- **wash me.**
Passion of Christ, **strengthen me.**

All. O good Jesu, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

**In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,
day by day Amen.**

L. Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament,
keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and
throughout the church.
Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love,
until we are reunited again in Your church. . Amen.

NOTICES

Leader. When the Word became flesh
earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:
may the love and obedience of Mary be our example. **Amen.**

Reader. May the peace of Christ
rule in our hearts and homes. **All. Amen.**

Leader. May we be filled with the joy of the Spirit.
All. And we pray that the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Leader Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.’ [Luke 1.38](#)

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

Let us bless the Lord. **All Thanks be to God**

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