



Mary, Mother of the Lord
15 August 2021



“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus”
(c.f. Luke 1: 42)

ZOOM SERVICE THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S, MALVERN

Sunday, 15 August 2021

Mary, Mother of the Lord

9.00am Eucharist

Meeting ID: 962 0130 6161 Passcode: 096213

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As we meet this morning by Zoom, attached again is a reminder of the suggestions and patterns that were helpful in the lockdown of last year. Please take a few moments to read this before joining the Zoom link:

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

1. Find a comfortable place to sit during the service.
2. Why not dress as if you were going to church?
3. Please connect no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled time.
If you connect once the service begins this may cause disruptions.
4. **Please click on mute immediately.**
Please only turn mute 'off' if you have been asked to read or pray in the service. Then please click mute 'on' again after finishing reading or praying.
5. Adjust the volume of sound **from your device** when listening, using your device's controls, not Zoom.
6. It is advised that you switch off your video unless speaking: this will minimize the drain on your own internet provider.
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8. **Please turn mobile phones to silent.**
9. At the end of the service, we will turn off 'mute' so you can chat to one another, if you wish, for around 15 minutes.

REFLECTION ON THE LECTIONS

Recently, there has been a deal of talk about ‘misinformation’: people putting about in various media comments or statements that are either completely untrue or misunderstandings of reality. Christians are not immune from such misunderstandings. One of the remarkably persistent forms of ‘misinformation’ amongst Christians is what is (very) loosely called ‘the doctrine of Papal infallibility’! For all the discussion of (and negative reaction to) this promulgation of the First Vatican Council, the surprising reality is that it is a ‘doctrine’ that has only been used twice. As a wise Jesuit once said, “Popes know all the carry on they have to go through in order to speak infallibly; given that, it’s a wonder they’ve ever bothered to do it at all!”

Curiously, in both instances when a Pope has spoken infallibly, it has been to say something about the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1950, the second time, Pope Pius XII decreed that it was an infallible teaching of the Church that the Blessed Virgin, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. In reality, that was simply confirming a belief – never fully codified or defined – that had been around since around the 6th century. The belief was that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary entered the joy of her Son and Lord, and joined the host of all the faithful in heaven: short-hand for this became that Mary was ‘Assumed’ into heaven. The ‘Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary’ continued, as it had been for centuries, to be held on August 15.

Unsurprisingly, neither Orthodox nor Anglican Christians (for the most part), were especially happy about this. The Orthodox preferred to keep the older Greek name (derived from St Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians) of ‘The Dormition (i.e. falling asleep) of the All Holy Theotokos (God-bearer)’; Anglicans (together with some Lutherans) settled on ‘Mary, Mother of the Lord’. Both celebrations felt the Roman Catholic ‘definition’ was making a great mystery too concrete – though, in fact, the official teaching isn’t quite as ‘concrete’ as most people seem to think: another piece of ‘misinformation’ or a mistaken assumption (if you’ll pardon the pun!).

Taking a cue from the Orthodox, perhaps it is helpful to think that in ‘falling asleep’ (c.f. I Corinthians 11:30; 15:6), Mary continues to serve as a model of discipleship. Just as she was the first to receive the coming of Jesus – and in a unique way, within her own body – so her ‘falling asleep’ in God, and being present now and for eternity in the nearer presence of God, is a foreshadowing of all that will happen to those who, like her, say ‘Yes’ to God’s work in Christ in our lives. Let us pray that, like her, we may, by the grace of God, be faithful throughout our lives. And let us pray that, again like her, the power of the Holy Spirit may come upon us so that we, too, may be ‘God bearers’ to the world.

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

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

(c.f. Luke 1: 28, 42)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law...

so that we might receive adoption as God's sons.

Galatians 4:4–5

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.**

We say together:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

**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.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

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.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

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.

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

Response: Bless the name of the Lord for ever.

1. Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his servants:
O praise the name of the Lord.
2. Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
from this time forward and for ever.
3. From the rising of the sun to its going down:
let the name of the Lord be praised.
4. The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
and his glory is above the heavens. **R.**
5. Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
in heaven or upon the earth.
6. Who has his dwelling so high:
yet condescends to look on things beneath. **R.**
7. He raises the lowly from the dust:
and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
8. He gives them a place among the princes:
even among the princes of his people.
9. He causes the barren woman to keep house:
and makes her a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Galatia:

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth 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 sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'

So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir,
through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary gave birth to her firstborn son:
she wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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.

Luke 2: 1–7

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A homily is given, then silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia; Archdeaconry of Maroondah; Oaktree Anglican Parish of St Mary's Caulfield with St Clement's Elsternwick; Provincial Visit to Ballarat – 150th Anniversary of St Paul's Clunes; St James' & St Peter Kilsyth/ Montrose; Holy Trinity Doncaster; St John's Diamond Creek.

For all in need

Matthew, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Peter, Leon, Erica, Josh, Vincent, Clive, John, Darcy, Margaret, Dunstan, Craig.
And we offer thanks for healing blessings to Hilary.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Muriel Cornish, Louise Willsmore, Elaine Moran, Clare Vanderkelen, Barbara Nettlefold, William Harris, John Palliser, Christabel Dickie, Wendell Nicholas, Isabel Porter, Annie Dalton, Justine Tsiang, Mona Reid, Marjorie Tozer, Helen Pritchard.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord has mercy on those who fear him
from generation to generation.

Silence is kept.

Let us humbly confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident that God will raise us up.

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.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The gifts are set on the altar and the President offers prayers, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

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 the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

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.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we come to the Holy Communion of the body and blood
of our Saviour Christ,
current restrictions on gathering mean we cannot do
what we would normally do, and physically share in the bread and wine
in remembrance of Christ's body broken and blood shed for us.
Nonetheless, we can and should still participate spiritually.
As we join in the celebration of this sacrament:
“if we come with a penitent heart and lively faith,
we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ and drink his blood;
we dwell in Christ and he in us;
we are one with Christ and Christ with us” –
even when, as now,
we are unable to consume the bread and wine physically.
Yet, in faith and hope, we look forward to the time
when we can gather again together to partake physically
in the sacrament and in communion with each other.

*During this time, all are encouraged to make what is traditionally called
'spiritual communion'. To assist in this, you might use one of the following
prayers:*

PRAYERS OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion physically,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul,
and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength;
be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways;
conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness;
and, in the power of your gracious might,
rule over every hostile power that threatens
or disturbs the growth of your kingdom,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

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

Scripture Readings next week

I Kings 8: 1, 6, 10–11, 22–30, 41–43
Ephesians 6: 10–20

PENTECOST XIII

Psalm 84
John 6: 56–69

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Monday, 16 August Field Committee Meeting	Psalms 105:1–22 2 Samuel 20:14–226 Acts 18:1–17 2.00 p.m.	Psalms 105:23–45 Proverbs 18:14–21 Romans 11:13–24 for Zoom details, see below
Tuesday, 17 August Parish Council Meeting	Psalms 106:1–24 2 Samuel 21:1–22 Acts 18:18–28 7:00 p.m.	Psalms 106:25–50 Proverbs 18:22–19:14 Romans 11:25–36 for Zoom details, see below
Wednesday, 18 August Reflections on the Lectons	Psalms 107:1–22 2 Samuel 22:1–16 Acts 19:1–20 7:30 p.m.	Psalms 107:23–43 Proverbs 19:15–29 Romans 12:1–8 for Zoom details, see below
Thursday, 19 August Eucharist	Psalms 110, 111 2 Samuel 22:17–31 Acts 19:21–41 10:15 a.m.	Psalms 112, 113 Proverbs 20:1–173 Romans 12:9–21 for Zoom details, see below
Friday, 20 August <i>Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher</i>	Psalms 114, 115 2 Samuel 22:32–51 Acts 20:1–16	Psalms 116, 117 Proverbs 20:18–21:8 Romans 13
Saturday, 21 August	Psalms 121, 122, 123 2 Samuel 23:1–23 Acts 20:17–38	Psalms 119:129–152 Proverbs 21:9–31 Romans 14:1–12
Next Sunday, 22 August 13th after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & meditation

NOTICES

Very Important Notice: Nominations and Elections for Synod Representatives

I have now received a Mandate from the Archbishop, 'requiring me' to "invite the Electors of the Parish to proceed to the election of 2 Lay Representatives and 1 Alternate Lay Representative... on or before September 21."

I therefore invite you to consider if you are being called to be a representative of this parish to attend the meetings of the 53rd Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne when it meets in October this year (by Zoom) and next. Further details about nominations and the date of election will occur as we emerge from the current lockdown.

Gregory

Looking Ahead

Première of *Missa Gratia* by Calvin Bowman **SUNDAY, September 12**
Commissioned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St George's, and in honour of the late Ann Stewart, Calvin Bowman's congregational setting of the eucharist will first be heard at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 12 (Sunday in the Octave of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Field Committee Meeting **Monday, August 16**
This meeting will take place at 2.00 p.m. via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 832 8706 8790 Password: SGM3144

Parish Council Meeting **Tuesday, August 17**
This meeting will take place at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom. Please hold all members of the Parish Council in your prayers in the coming week.
Meeting ID: 929 9779 3043 Password: 986070
OR you can connect by putting into your search browser the following:
<https://zoom.us/j/92997793043?pwd=eFpYMWRjVlxFWFFnaGt2M0VIYWJiQT09>

'Reflections on the Lections' **Wednesday, August 18**
This discussion group, which examines the readings for the coming Sunday, will continue **this and every week**, until further notice.
Meeting ID: 919 0338 8341 Password: 697036
OR you can connect by putting into your search browser the following:
<https://zoom.us/j/91903388341?pwd=eEjwM2xRQnZxTzIEVitkSmcldGtaQT09>

Eucharist **Thursday August 19**
This will take place, as usual, at 10:15 a.m., via Zoom owing to the continuing lockdown.
Meeting ID: 969 8470 3799 Password: 586816
OR you can connect by putting into your search browser the following:
<https://zoom.us/j/96984703799?pwd=ZSthc0NsTXprVnFvWS9hcFdoSVhldz09>

Archbishop's Dinner

Thursday, October 7

The Archbishop has pleasure in inviting all to a dinner at Trinity College on Thursday, October 7. This is to assist the 'Building our Future' campaign of the Theological School. This was to take place on August 18 but, owing to current restrictions has been postponed until October.

7 people from St George's have already indicated they wish to attend. We need 3 more for a *full* 'St George's Table' (though, if we don't get the full 3, others may be signally honoured by sitting on our table with us!). The cost is \$110 per head and includes three courses, a silent auction and musical highlights from the Trinity College choir and a Chamber Music group.

There is now more time to 'clear your diary'. If you wish to attend, please email Nisha. R.S.V.P. Wednesday, September 29 (to St George's) or October 1 to Trinity. If you book with Trinity, please let them know you wish to sit at a St George's, Malvern table.

N.B. If you would like to attend, but the cost is prohibitive, please speak with Gregory. (As he is 'M.C.' for the event, he is able to take at least one guest – so, let him know.)

Parish Retreat

November 5 – 7

This directed retreat, mainly in silence, will take place beside the sea at Queenscliff. A retreat allows time away from the demands of everyday life to spend time in the silent company of others and God. There will be time to walk along the beach, for reading, walking the labyrinth in the grounds or simply sitting and enjoying the stillness. There will be times for Eucharist, prayer each morning and evening, and short sessions to guide your reflection. Delicious meals, with other hospitality, will be provided, and the comfort of a self-contained single room.

Dates / Times:	Friday 5 th – Sunday 7 th November
Place:	Santa Casa, 33–35 Flinders Street, Queenscliff
Cost:	\$240 inclusive of all meals (dietary needs can be accommodated), individual en-suite room (linen and towels etc provided).
Booking:	Speak with Brenda

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.