

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Joyfully Sharing God's Love, with each other and our community.

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The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin

Proper 15

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Prelude *Immaculate Mary*

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Blest are the Pure in Heart Hymnal #656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;

3 he to the lowly soul will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

The Word of God

BCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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**

Summary of the Law *Matthew 22:37-40*

Hear what our Savior *Jesus* Christ tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Associate Priest God be with you. Let us pray.

The Collect

Associate Priest 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

Reader 1 **A Reading from The Hebrew Scripture** *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.

Reader 1 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Jubilate *BCP Pg. 82, Psalm 100*

Associate Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

Clergy serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Reader 1 The Psalm *Book of Common Prayer Psalm 34, Verses 1-9, page 627*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 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.

The Epistle *Galatians 4:4-7*

Reader 1 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy Verse 1, Hymnal #277*

*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.*

The Gospel *Matthew 15: 21-28*

Assisting Priest Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sequence Hymn *Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy Verse 2, Hymnal #277*

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth.

Toil and labor 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.

The Magnificat *Luke 1:46-55*

Reader 2 Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor 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."

Sequence Hymn *Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy Verse 3, Hymnal #277*

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.

The Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Assisting Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to *Jesus Christ*?

Reader 1 **I do.**

Assisting Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

Musician **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Assisting Priest Do you believe in *Jesus Christ*, the Son of God?

Reader 2 **I believe in *Jesus Christ*, his only Son, our Savior
*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Assisting Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Reader 1 **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.**

Assisting Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Musician **I will, with God's help.**

Assisting Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to Christ?

Reader 2 **I will, with God's help.**

Assisting Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Reader 1 **I will, with God's help.**

Assisting Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Musician **I will, with God's help.**

Assisting Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Reader 2 **I will, with God's help.**

Assisting Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Savior *Jesus* Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through Christ *Jesus* our Savior. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Reader 1 Creator God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Justin; Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael; our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer; our Bishop, our priests; Dave and Jeanne, and all deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all leaders, especially Donald; our President and Doug; our Governor, and all those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
Govern and uphold them, now and always.

We pray for our service men & women at home and abroad. Lord, keep this nation under your care; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We acknowledge the traditional peoples of the land on which we stand; especially the ancient people of the Hohokam and Pima; and the ancestors of the O'odham, Ak Chin and Gila River peoples. We pay our respects to them through: Remembrance, Recognition, Reconciliation and Relationship. Let your way be known in all your creation; Your saving health among all nations.

We pray for those affected by the natural disasters and violence in our world.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs in this community. (*The Celebrant adds prayers*)

Confession of Sin *Please remain kneeling or standing*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

Celebrant and People **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 our Savior 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.**

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

Assisting Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Tell Out my Soul Verses 1 & 2, Hymnal #437

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.*

The General Thanksgiving *BCP pg. 101*

Musician Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord *Jesus* Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through *Jesus* Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing *Celebrant*

The Dismissal

Assisting Clergy Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Reader 1 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Hymnal #265*

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The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, August 15

The honor paid to Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Two Gospels tell of the manner of Christ's birth, and the familiar Christmas story testifies to the Church's conviction that he was born of a virgin. In Luke's Gospel, we catch a brief glimpse of Jesus' upbringing at Nazareth, when the child was wholly in the care of his mother and his foster-father, Joseph.

During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, we learn that Mary was often with the other women who followed Jesus and ministered to his needs. At Calvary, she was among the little band of disciples who kept watch at the cross. After the resurrection, she was to be found with the Twelve in the upper room, watching and praying until the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Mary was the person closest to Jesus in his most impressionable years, and the words of the Magnificat, as well as her humble acceptance of the divine will, bear more than an accidental resemblance to the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount.

Later devotion has claimed many things for Mary which cannot be proved from Holy Scripture. What we can believe is that one who stood in so intimate a relationship with the incarnate Son of God on earth must, of all the human race, have the place of highest honor in the eternal life of God. A paraphrase of an ancient Greek hymn expresses this belief in very familiar words: "O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia."

- Excerpt from Holy Women, Holy Men *Celebrating the Saints*