

Hymns, Readings, and Collect

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Angelus: - sung by the president at 6.25pm in front of the Statue of Our Lady.



Entrance Voluntary, Welcome and Notices

Opening Hymn: For Mary, mother of the Lord

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.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.

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Prayer of Preparation, Confession, Absolution

The Gloria: - sung by the president

The Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of thy only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of thy eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord,
who livest and reignest with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 10–end

A reading from the book of the prophet 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.

The New Testament Reading: Galatians 4: 4–7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

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.

Organ interlude for the Gospel procession

The Gospel Reading: St Luke 1: 46–56

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

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 for ever.'

And Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned to her home.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: Sing we of the Blessed Mother

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

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Sursum Corda, Preface, Sanctus and Benedictus, and great Amen: - sung by the president

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the bread

Agnus Dei: - sung by the president

Anthem: O Magnum Mysterium

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepio. O beata virgo,
cujus viscera meruerunt portare
Dominum Jesum Christum.

*O great mystery and wondrous sign,
that the animals should see the Lord born,
lying in a manger. Blessed is the Virgin,
whose womb was counted worthy to bear
the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Morten Lauridsen (b 1943)

A time of Silent Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is observed.

Hymn of Adoration: Tantum ergo

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever to his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one.
Amen.

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The President then sings:

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion:
Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood,
that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption;
who livest and reignest world without end. **Amen.**

*The President gives the **Benediction**, making the sign of the cross over the kneeling congregation whilst the Organ plays.*

The Divine Praises:

Blessed be God.

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Blessed be his holy Name.

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Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

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Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

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Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

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Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

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Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

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Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

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Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

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Hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

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 Saviour 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.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

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Organ Voluntary for exit