



Mary, Mother of our Lord

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Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

Gathering

Prelude

Ave Maria, Ave Maris Stella, Op.5 No.2

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Welcome

Dialog of the Saints

Praise the Lord, who came in the flesh!

Praise Emmanuel, God with us!

The Almighty chose as God's vessel one so surprising.

A young virgin, meek and mild, yet filled with strength.

And the angel said, "Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you."

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

Give thanks to God for Mary, Mother of Our Lord.

Obedient disciple and bearer of the eternal Word.

Sing praise to God, sing praise.

Sing praise and thanks for our salvation.

Entrance Hymn

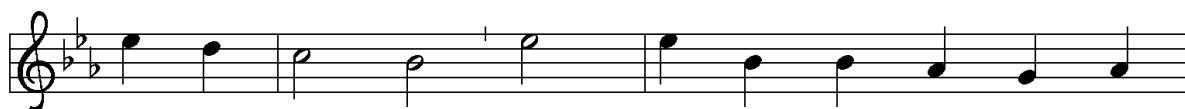
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1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Verse 3 and 4 is located on the next page.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come be-fore God's pres-ence with thanks-
giv - ing and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

2 For the Lord is a great God, and a great rul-er o'er all
gods. It is God who holds the cav - erns of the
earth, and the heights of the moun-tains al - so.

3 It is God who rules the seas, whose hands have mold - ed the
dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel be - fore the Lord our mak - er.

4 For this great one is our God, who choos - es a peo - ple and
tends them, and whose hand will guide them like sheep.
Oh, that to - day you would hear - ken to God's voice.

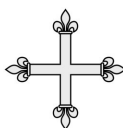
Text: Psalm 95:1-7
Music: Jack Noble White
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61:7-11

The prophet proclaims a hopeful message: God loves justice and will make an everlasting covenant with Israel and her descendants. In response, the prophet sings a joyful song, like Mary many generations later, about God's mercy and salvation.

Because [the] shame [of God's people] was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-9

*The cantor introduces the refrain; please sing the second time. The verses are sung in alternation; verses sung by the congregation are printed in bold. Subsequent refrains are sung only once by all, at the places indicated by **R**.*



Refrain: Aaron D. Miller



¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.
²**I will glory¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.
⁴**I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me**
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors. R

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.
⁶**I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me**
and saved me from¹ all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD
and de-¹livers them.
⁸**Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing. **R**

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

In the promise of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ embodies God's mother-father heart, in love claiming people as adopted children.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Greetings, O favored one! The Lord is with you. The Holy Spirit will come upon you. (Luke 1:28, 35)

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:46-55

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary's song, the Magnificat, serves as a thematic anthem for God's work in the world and therefore for the ministry of her son, Jesus. In Mary's praise we hear of a saving God who remembers the humble, scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fulfills all things.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Miller



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; my spir - it
2 For you a - lone, O God of might, have done a -
3 Your arm is strong; your strength is great. You scat - ter
4 You feed the hun - gry as your own; the wealth - y
5 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or



leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You keep me in your kind re -
maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; your name like
those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -
leave with emp - ty hands. You give your help to Is - ra -
to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most



gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.
light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
tate; then give the low your nour - ish - ment.
el; your gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.
high, from age to age by all a - dored.

Text: Stephanie K. Frey, b. 1952, alt., based on the Magnificat
Music: ICH HEB MEIN AUGEN SEHNLICH AUF, Heinrich Schütz, 1585–1672
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Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

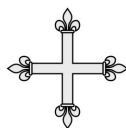
We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Thanksgiving

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

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Music at the offering

Bist Du Bei Mir, *Tuba and French Horn*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Honor and Arms, *Tuba and French Horn*

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)
trans. Peter Opaskar

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this
same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

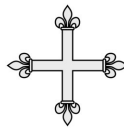
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**



Sending

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3–11 or this general stanza 2:
 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.

in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
 With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
 we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

6 We honor faithful Mary,
 fair maiden, full of grace.
 She bore the Christ, our brother,
 who came to save our race.
 May we, with her, surrender
 ourselves to your command
 and lay upon your altar
 our gifts of heart and hand.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Dismissal

Go in peace.
Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sarabande and Variations, *Tuba and French Horn*

G. F. Handel
trans. Peter Opaskar



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at Saint Luke Lutheran

August 15, 2021

15 MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

AUG	8:45 am	Worship, <i>streaming online</i>
	10:15 am	Up for Discussion, <i>via Zoom</i>
	3:00 pm	San Lucas Gospel Meditation, <i>via Zoom</i>

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AUG	8:45 am	Worship, <i>streaming online</i>
	10:15 am	Up for Discussion, <i>via Zoom</i>
	11:30 am	Outdoor Holy Communion, <i>in South Parking Lot</i>
	5:00 pm	San Lucas Misa, <i>streaming online</i>

MUSIC NOTES

Jean Langlais was a French composer of modern classical music, an organist, and an improviser. Langlais became blind due to glaucoma when he was only two years old, and was sent to the Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles (National Institute for Blind Children) in Paris, where he began to study the organ with André Marchal. From there he progressed to the Paris Conservatoire, obtaining prizes in organ, which he studied with Marcel Dupré, and composition, which he studied with Paul Dukas. He also studied improvisation with Charles Tournemire.

The Prelude ‘Ave Maria, Ave maris stella’ (‘Hail Mary full of Grace; Hail Star of the Sea’) is based on two themes: the Ave Maria (the ‘Angelic Salutation’), and the Ave maris stella, a plainsong Vespers hymn to Mary, attributed to St Bernard of Clairvaux among others, which was especially popular in the Middle Ages and has been used by many composers as the basis of other compositions. The piece is really itself a little triptych, with the first part concerning the angel’s annunciation to Mary, followed by the Prayer of Man on lower registers; in the third section, one of the most exquisite moments in Langlais’ entire output, fragments of the two themes float by over sustained chromatic harmonies.

Upcoming Commemorations

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Friday, August 20, 2021

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

HYMN NOTES

Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones

Riley, who helped edit *The English Hymnal* (1906) and translated Latin and Greek hymns, wrote this festive hymn for the tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN. The first stanza names the nine orders of angels who praise God. The “bearer of the eternal Word” in stanza 2 is the Virgin Mary. Stanza three adds in all the “souls in endless rest” who have arrived in heaven, and finally we are urged to join our voices in “supernal anthems” to the Holy Trinity. No one is exempt from singing!

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

This text is an adaptation of the Magnificat read in today’s Gospel reading. Heinrich Schütz, the greatest German composer of the seventeenth century and the first to reach international prominence, originally wrote the tune set to the Magnificat to be sung with Psalm 121.

For All the Faithful Women

Rev. Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. died March 13, 2007, after a long illness. He served as President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. Rev. Dr. Stuempfle was the author of several books and numerous articles and lectures on preaching, history, and theology. He was also among the most honored and respected hymn writers of the 20th and 21st centuries. His text is set to the hymn tune KUORTANE also called NYLAND, named for a province in Finland. It is a folk melody from Kuortane, South Ostrobothnia, Finland. NYLAND was first published with a hymn text in an appendix to the 1909 edition of the Finnish Suomen Evankelis Luterilaisen Kirken Koraalikirja. It gained popularity in the English-speaking world after David Evans’s use of it in the British Church Hymnary of 1927 as a setting for Anna 1. Waring’s text “In Heavenly Love Abiding.”