

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin August 15

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Officiant 1 The Angel Gabriel came to her and said, Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you! The Holy Spirit will come upon you. *Luke 1:28, 35*

Officiant 2 Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory. *Revelation 19:6, 75:17*

Confession of Sin

Officiant 1 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Officiant 1 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 your Son 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.

Officiant 2 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant 1 Lord, open our lips.

Officiant 2 And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant 1 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Officiant 2 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Officiant 2 Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7 Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Come let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Psalm 34:1-9

Said responsively breaking at the half verse

I will bless the Lord at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *

let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *

and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *

and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *

and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *

and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *

happy are they who trust in him!

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 Lessons

Officiant 1 **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

Galatians 4:4-7

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.

Officiant 1 The Word of the Lord

Officiant 2 Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of True Motherhood** *Julian of Norwich*
Said responsively breaking at the half verse

God chose to be our mother in all things *
 and so made the foundation of his work,
 most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.
God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
 arrayed himself in this humble place.
Christ came in our poor flesh *
 to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
 our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
 until the full time of his passion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
 still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful
 love.
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
 for the love of Christ works in us;
 Christ is the one whom we love.

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.

Officiant 2 **A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke**
Luke 1:46-55

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."

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The Apostles' Creed

Officiant 1

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

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.

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.

The Prayers

Officiant 2 The Lord be with you.

Officiant 1 And also with you.

Officiant 2 Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages (from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,

R. **your saving power among all peoples.**

V. Renew your Church in holiness,

R. **and help us to serve you with joy.**

V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

R. **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

R. **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Make us instruments of your peace,

R. **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

Officiant 1 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The Collect of the Day

Officiant 2 Jesus, your birth is wonderful and your mother is the most beloved woman of all time. Help all of us who believe in you to honour each other equally, whatever our gender, whatever our ability, whatever our social state may be; to the honour of your holy name. Amen.

The Collect of the Day, A New Zealand Prayer Book

Officiant 1 Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
A Collect for Guidance

Officiant 2 Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*
Prayer for Mission

The Peace and Greetings

Officiant 2 The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Officiant 1 **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.

Closing Prayers

Officiant 2 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 General Thanksgiving

Officiant 1 Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant 1 Let us bless the Lord.

Officiant 2 Thanks be to God.

Officiant 1 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. *2 Corinthians 13:14*