

Mary, Mother of our Lord *transferred*

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Sentence When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as God's children.
Galatians 4.4-5

Collect

Heavenly Father,
who chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*The prophet looks to a time when Israel, given a new name and mission,
will be the cause of the nations seeing the glory of God and knowing that
those who chose God's ways will be shown to be right.*

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.

² 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

Reader For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

**Psalm Song of Mary (Magnificat) at 8am APBA, page 388,
at 10am TiS 161**

Mary responds to the good news that God is now acting decisively through the promise to Israel with this song. Anglicans still best know it as the Magnificat from the first word in the Latin version Magnificat anima mea dominum My soul glorifies God. Mary sings of a world in which the present unjust way of things is overturned by God's purposes now being accomplished.

William Harris, John Palliser and Christabel Dickie *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week

August 13 Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (1613-1667). Best known book is *Holy Living and Holy Dying*.

August 14 Twentieth Martyrs: Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia d.1918; Maximilien Kolbe, friar d.1940; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian d.1945; Maria Skobsova, abbess in Russia d.1945; Martin Luther King Jr, worker for civil liberties d.1968; Janani Luuwum, archbishop of Uganda d.1977; Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, d.1980.

August 15 Mary, the Mother of our Lord.

A reflection on the role of The Blessed Virgin Mary in our salvation.

When we think about Mary, we should not be afraid of recognising her special role. Sadly, she has been the focus of a lot of controversy over the centuries. Sometimes her importance has been bizarrely exaggerated, so that others have overreacted and tried to make little of her. At the very least, she is the first person to put her trust in the God who is shown in Jesus. She is at least our elder sister as a believer. And older sisters often have a rather distinctive role in helping younger siblings to grow up and discover things. An older sister who knows her business can make a great deal of difference.

Mary knows her business. By her consent she makes Jesus possible in that place, at that time. And we should not be ashamed of looking to her to hold our hands from time to time. It's quite hard to imagine the depth and the level and the cost of what is asked of her by God in Luke's story of the Annunciation; to look at her and meditate on her 'yes' and seek her friendship in prayer is not at all an eccentric or foolish thing for a Christian to do if we want to grow in trust.

From *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian belief* by Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury (Canterbury Press, 2007) p.77

ALL **And also with you,**

Reader A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

God's messenger was sent to the tiny village of Nazareth, to Mary, a young woman engaged to Joseph. Joseph is descended from David and this child, whose conception is announced, will occupy "the throne of his ancestor David" and "of his kingdom there will be no end". This is the work of the Spirit. Mary has conceived through God's loving and now to be embodied engagement in human affairs, and not by Joseph.

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*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

ALL **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Bible Readings next week 19 August

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9.1-6 Ps 34.9-14 Ephesians 5.11-21 John 6.51-58

Prayer for the Week. Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pray for the Faithful Departed. We remember before God:

Radcliffe Lewis, Kathleen Deans, Stanley Charles Moss, Gladys Jenkins, Jessie Campbell Fulton Murray, Muriel Cornish, Louise Willsmore, Elaine Evelyn Moran, Clare Vanderkelen, Barbara Meredith Nettlefold,



Mary visits Elizabeth: God's purposes and plans are entrusted to two women considered of no real account and revealed first in an intimate moment between them.

A reading from the letter to the Galatians

Some teachers in Galatia had claimed that a Christian must first embrace Judaism, observing Mosaic law, which, it adopted, would have excluded women from full membership of the covenant. Paul wrote this letter to rebut this argument, to insist that both men and women, equally and together, come into union with God through faith in Christ with whom God makes us co-heirs of God's promises.

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. *Galatians 4.4-7*

Reader May your word live in us,

ALL **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Gospel Acclamation

ALL **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

ALL **Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you. ³