



Songs of the Saviour: Mary's Magnificat

*"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in
God my Saviour." (Luke 1:46)*

Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

(1 Chr 16:8-1)

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.**

**It is our greatest pleasure,
our highest privilege, our chief delight,
to meet with you, the one true and living God,
and experience your grace and favour.**

**Grant us power by your Holy Spirit
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.**

Amen.

(Valley of Vision)

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law in cloud
and majesty and awe.

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

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Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour, first in silence and then aloud together.

Please either kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51)**

Assurance of Pardon

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa 53:5-6)

Psalm 65

Praise awaits you God in Zion
Soon to you all flesh will come
Though our sins prevail against us
You atone for every one

Blessed are those you choose
and welcome
Dwelling in your courts of grace
We are filled with every blessing
Satisfied in you always

Holy God and mighty Saviour
Hope of all the farthest seas
When we pray you hear and answer
You make known your wondrous deeds

By your strength you formed
the mountains
Stilled the roaring of the waves
Earth rejoices at your goodness
Dawn and evening sing your praise

From your river ever-flowing
You give life to all the land
Autumn rains and grain at harvest
You provide for every man

All the year is crowned with bounty
Deserts bloom and hills bear fruit
Hills and valleys, all creation
Lift their hymn of praise to you

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Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have
my being.

**Put not your trust in princes, in a son of
man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to
the earth; on that very day his plans
perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of
Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and
all that is in them, who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the
fatherless, but the way of the wicked he
brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign for ever, your God,
O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and
shall be forever, age after age. Amen!**

Proclamation of God's Word

First Reading: 1 Sam 1:19-2:11 (Hannah's Magnificat) p. 225

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-56, p. 855

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Songs of the Saviour: Mary's Magnificat (Mark Payne)

Response to God's Word

Oh, the Mercy of God

Oh the mercy of God,
The glory of grace
That You choose to redeem us,
To forgive and restore
And You call us Your children,
Chosen in Him
To be holy and blameless,
To the glory of God

Oh the richness of Grace,
The depths of His love
In Him is redemption,
The forgiveness of sin
You called us as righteous,
Predestined in Him
For the praise of His Glory,
Included in Christ.

*To the praise
of His Glorious Grace
To the praise
of His Glory and Power
To Him be all Glory
Honour and Praise
For ever and ever
and ever A-men*

Oh the Glory of God
expressed in His Son
His image and likeness
revealed to us all
The plan of the ages
completed in Christ
That we be presented
perfected in Him

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, 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.
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.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. "*Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce.*" (Prov 3:9)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The stewards will distribute the wine and bread.

Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him, we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Psalm 22

*All earth to Him shall homage bring,
The Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

The ends of all the earth shall hear
And turn unto the Lord in fear;
All kindreds of the earth shall own
And worship Him as God alone.

For His the kingdom, His of right,
He rules the nations by His might;
All earth to Him her homage brings,
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.

Chorus

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Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**In the Name of Christ,
Amen.**