





31 May

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Invitation to Confession

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

Romans 12.9

Let us confess our sins and failings to God our merciful Father.

Kyrie Confession

We have done what was wrong in your sight

and chosen what has displeased you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

As a mother comforts her child so shall you comfort us.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let us return to you, for you know our every deed and thought.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Collect

Mighty God,

by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary



and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:

look with favour on your lowly servants

that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name

and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

***Lectionary***

**Principal Service**

Zephaniah 3.14-18

Psalms 113

Romans 12.9-16

Luke 1.39-49[50-56]

**Second Service**

Zechariah 2.10-end

John 3.25-30

**Evening Psalms**

Psalms 122, 127, 128

**Third Service**

1 Samuel 2.1-10

Mark 3.31-end



**Morning Psalms**

Psalms 85, 150

***Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Luke 1.45*

**Alleluia.**

***Intercession***

Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord

and rejoice together in the God who saves us.

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you in every generation.

We pray for your Church ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You show the strength of your arm

and cast down the mighty from their thrones.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**



You lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

We pray for all those in any kind of need ...

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

You come to the aid of your servants

and remember your promises with mercy.

We remember ... and all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Bring us with them to share the joy of heaven

with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, you do great things for us:

**holy is your name.**

Father most holy,

so guide us in the way of humility and obedience like Mary,

that our lives may be a constant hymn of praise

to you from whom all good things come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### ***Introduction to the Peace***

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

*cf Psalm 85.10*



***Prayer at the Preparation of the Table***

God of mercy,

accept our gifts and all we bring before you,

as you accepted the love of Mary,

the mother of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, now and for ever.

***Preface***

And now we give you thanks

because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son

you have exalted the humble and meek.

Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;

with all generations we call her blessed

and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

***Extended Preface***

It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our salvation,

almighty Father, ever-living God,

to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,

and on this feast of Mary, ever blessed,

to echo her praise of your loving kindness.



For you have truly done great things

and holy is your name,

and your mercy is on those who fear you

in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant

you remembered your promise of mercy

and gave the world through her

your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Through him the hosts of heaven adore you

and rejoice in your presence for ever.

May our voices join with theirs

in the triumphant hymn of praise:

### ***Post Communion***

Gracious God,

who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary

as they recognized the signs of redemption at work within them:

help us, who have shared in the joy of this eucharist,

to know the Lord deep within us

and his love shining out in our lives,

that the world may rejoice in your salvation;



through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Blessing***

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,

fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

*(or)*

May God who sent Mary to visit Elizabeth

to share with her the joy of the divine plan,

give you grace to tell out the good news of Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

***Acclamation***

Your salvation is near to those who fear you;

that glory may dwell in our land.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;**

**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;



righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**That glory may dwell in our land.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**Your salvation is near to those who fear you;**

**that glory may dwell in our land.**

### ***Short Passages of Scripture***

My heart exults in the Lord,

my strength is exalted in my God.

*1 Samuel 2.1*

Come and listen, all you who fear God,

and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

*Psalms 66.14*

All generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

*Luke 1.48,49*

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things.

*Luke 1.53*

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