

GATHERING HYMN - Join the song of praise and protest (363)



COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the
lowliness of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the
mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are
redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the
glory of your eternal
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

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.

Isaiah 61.10,11

Psalm 45.10-17

(8am only)

R. The peoples praise you for ever and ever.

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour.

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. R

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king.

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' R

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians

But 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.

GOSPEL HYMN - Speak O lord (SP 187)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

GOSPEL

Luke 1.46-55

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour 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 for ever.'

GOSPEL HYMN (reprise) - Speak O lord (SP 187)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory."

HYMN OF THE GIFTS – Sing we of the blessed mother (586)

COMMUNION HYMNS - Magnificat (777)

With Mary let my soul rejoice (SP 197)

With Mary let my soul rejoice,
And praise God's holy name-
His saving love from first to last,
From age to age, the same!

*How strong his arm, how great his power!
The proud he will disown;
The meek and humble he exalts
To share his glorious throne.*

The rich our God will send away
And feed the hungry poor;
The arms of love remain outstretched
At mercy's open door.

*So shall God's promise be fulfilled,
To Israel firmly made:
A child is born, a Son is given
Whose crown will never fade.*

All glory to the Father, Son
And Spirit now proclaim;
With Mary let the world rejoice
And praise God's holy name!

POST COMMUNION

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN - Tell out my soul (612)

**Please come and meet one another and enjoy a cup of
Fairtrade tea or coffee in the hall after the service**

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