



**The Parish Church
of St Mary Portsea**



**Sung Mass
for
The Birthday of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Welcome to St Mary's

This booklet is to help you follow the service and contains guidance about what to do where. Please join in with the words in bold type and with the singing. If anything is unclear or you need help, please ask one of the stewards at the back of the church. They are there to help.

Children are most welcome to be in church, if they become restless, please feel free to walk around with them at the back of the building, where you will also find a carpeted area with books and quiet toys.

Toilets are to be found under the Tower

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The Feast of the Birthday of the mother of Our Lord is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and western Churches. This feast acknowledges the preparation by God of his people to receive their Saviour and their Lord, outing 'heaven in ordinary' and showing that mortal flesh can be the bearer of Christ to the world. It reminds us of the call to us to be servants of God and to be bearers of the word of God, as Mary was who we honour this day.

As today we ponder these mysteries, we also rejoice in the common life we share in this parish. We give thanks for the life of our community and continue to ask that, aided by the prayers of our Patron, we may continue to be a faithful witness to God's redeeming and reconciling love.

The Gathering

*As the bell sounds, all stand to sing the following hymn, during which the clergy enter.
The Celebrant venerates the Altar and honours it with incense.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother
she who bore him in her womb.

Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the Church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.

Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.

May the mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the three in one.

V.S. Stuckey Coles 1845-1929 Tune: Daily Daily

The Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The Priest introduces the service and calls us to confess our sins

Heavenly Father,
you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,
you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Priest declares God's forgiveness of our sins and all respond

Amen.

The Gloria

Choir Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest.**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, **glory in the highest.**
Give you thanks, **glory in the highest.**
Praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer,
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen.

Amen.

Coventry Gloria by Peter Jone

The Collect

A period of silence is introduced with the words "Let us Pray"

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

Readings

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah (5 : 2 - 4)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir will sing verses from the Magnificat, the response between sections is

The almighty has done great things for ne and holy is his name

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8 : 28 – 30)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Stand for the acclamation. By tradition we turn to face the Gospel book, symbol of Christ dwelling amongst his people through his word

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

All sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary,
and most worthy of all praise,

For the sun of justice, Christ our God, was born of you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Sit for the Sermon .

The Prayers of Intercession

Kneel or sit to pray

The response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Priest may conclude the prayers and the following response may be used

Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Stand

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Altar

As we sing the following hymn The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the Altar the Priest takes the gifts and they and the congregation are honoured with incense.

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and, obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast the child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced
her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the Risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly throne:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

G.B. Timms (b.1910) Music: Abbot's Leigh

At the end of the hymn a prayer over the gifts is said, all respond

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Priest says or sings the prayer of thanksgiving

**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 thanks and praise.

The Priest praises God for his mighty acts

All sing **Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
your power and might.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, etc etc



Paul Inwood: Gathering Mass

All kneel as the Prayer continues. The Priest recalls the night before Jesus died; the meal he shared; His command to us; and His promise to us of His presence with us when we do this 'in remembrance of me.' The Bell is rung to remind us of the significant moments of the prayer, and as the gifts are raised for all to adore. After the Chalice of wine has been raised

Christ is the bread of life:

**when we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

The Priest continues the prayer, at the end all respond **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world:
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

As we prepare for communion the Choir sing the Agnus Dei. As they do this reflect on the precious gift you are about to receive – the life of Christ. Give thanks that he shares that gift with us. Pray that we, like Mary, may reflect that life in our own lives and carry him always in our hearts.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, give us your peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion is given. All baptised Christians who normally receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive today. Alternatively please come and receive a blessing – keep your head bowed at the rail until after the Ministers have passed you.

During Communion the Choir may sing an anthem.

We remain seated to sing.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Lord most high.

Liturgy of St James Tr G. Moultrie 1829-85

Music: Picardy

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

The Priest says a prayer of thanksgiving.

The notices are given out at the end of which please stand

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Priest gives God's blessing and all respond

Amen.

We sing

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show;
O praise him...

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the Choir process out.

You are welcome to join us now for Refreshments around the Font

And all ye men of tender
heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him...

And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way hath trod;
O praise him...

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One;
O praise him...

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