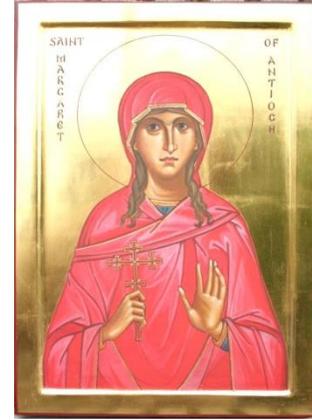


**St Mary and St Margaret  
PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
Led by Revd Colin Jones**



***Please stand for our hymn***

**Gathering Hymn: Sing we of the blessed mother**

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 that 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 Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of our 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 greatest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May thy son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.

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***The president says***

We meet In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***All*** **Amen.**

**The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

***All*** **and also with you.**

***Words of welcome by clergy***

## Prayers of Penitence

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight  
and chosen what displeased him.

Yet as a mother comforts her child,  
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.

So let us come to him who knows our every deed  
and thought.

**All** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Kyries

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of  
Peace: Lord, have mercy

**All** **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of  
Mary: Christ, have mercy

**All** **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and  
splendour of the Father; Lord, have mercy

**All** **Lord, have mercy**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We say together the Gloria*

***All*** Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**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;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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 Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect (Special Prayer for the day)**

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.

*All Amen*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We sit for our readings.....*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 61.10,11;

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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading : *Luke1 :46-55***

Alleluia, Alleluia. My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

**Alleluia**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Revd Colin Jones in church**

**For those at home (from Roots resources)**

**The Magnificat, or the song of the  
revolutionary teenager Luke 1.46-55**

References to Mary, the mother of Jesus, occur  
throughout the Gospels, but the most substantial  
piece of text about her is to be found in Luke 1  
and includes her song, the Magnificat.

Whatever its origins, the words fit well in the  
mouth of the young woman, probably still a

teenager, who was brave enough to give birth to the Saviour of the World.

He has scattered the proud: In the 1960s, Val Doonican, sang 'Walk tall, walk straight and look the world right in the eye'. Of course it's perfectly proper that we should be proud of our families and our work. This is not the kind of pride which God opposes but rather the attitude of those who exist as little islands of invincibility. Mary had lost most of her reputation because of her. A teenaged girl in a world dominated by adult men, with any pretence to reputation destroyed by an unplanned pregnancy, Mary as much as anyone, knew what it was to be dependent on God. God, however, loves those who admit their need and live lives dependent upon him.

He has sent the rich away empty: In the contemporary world blessing appears to be measured in quantities of money and what it buys. A church committee met in the richly furnished drawing room of the village manor house to insist to a district officer that they could not pay their share of the regional levy. There was, they insisted, no way they could afford to raise the £3,000 required. So much money but such complicated wealth.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly: Power, like money, is illusory. And when history is written we often observe the lasting influence of the

apparently weak who had no political power:  
Jesus of Nazareth, Francis of Assisi,  
Ghandi of India, Desmond Tutu in South Africa.

His mercy is on those who fear him: The rest of  
Luke's gospel is an exposition of this passage, as  
Luke helps us to see how important it is for  
Christians to pursue humility of mind, poverty of  
spirit and weakness of position.

The Magnificat is truly the mission statement of  
Jesus' radical ministry, pronounced outspokenly  
by the lips of what today's press might describe  
as 'a female, of Middle Eastern appearance,  
aged around twenty'.

## **The Creed**

*The president says*

We stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit:

*All*      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession led by Lisa Wakeman**

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Let us pray

*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.'*

We pray for all Christians, for St Mary & St  
Margaret's church here in Castle Bromwich at our  
patronal festival and we also rejoice that Father  
Colin is leading us in worship today. We also think  
of Mark as he prepares to start a new ministry in  
Oxford .Strengthen our faith Lord, in your love for  
each one of us. Help us turn to you in moments of  
joy as well as sadness. May we be humble enough  
to listen to your will and excited enough to proclaim  
your presence in our lives so that others may be  
inspired to follow and serve you also ,we are  
seeing this in Coventry this coming week with the  
ribbon of faith not just Christian faith but all faiths.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

“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.”

Loving God, we pray for all leaders for their actions to be inspired by your values of love, faithfulness, compassion and equality. May those in authority serve the common good, rule justly and work for peace at all levels. Help Christians in public roles have the courage to acknowledge your power and grace. We pray for Queen Elizabeth who openly acknowledges your guidance in her life. We also pray for those who have marked those tragic terrorist attacks that took place twenty years ago and the repercussions that occurred and are still being felt even now.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

“His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.”

Merciful Lord, bring wholeness, comfort and healing to all those who suffer in any way today.

For those in hospital, awaiting test results or operations and those who are affected in any way by COVID 19 throughout the world. May they know your loving presence with them and be strengthened to face life day to day. We especially think of those known to us.

As we remember those generations who have gone before us, may we be sure in the knowledge that those we love but see no longer are safe with you

in the kingdom of heaven, where one day we too will be made whole again through your love.

We pray for those who have died and the family and friends who miss them at the anniversary of their deaths.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

“He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their heart and has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.”

Faithful Lord, Your way is the truth. We pray for those who follow you and stand up against injustice. Help us all to take steps to live more simply, less wastefully and use the earth's resources with more care to preserve what we, the human race, have not yet destroyed. Open our eyes and hearts to the most vulnerable in society, the victims of climate change and exploitation and guide us to do what we can to let the earth and all its people breathe and survive in harmony as you would wish. Change the hearts of self-centred rulers and give them hearts of inclusion, humility and generosity.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.”

We pray for the most needy in the world, children, the people of Afghanistan refugees, innocent victims of world where money and status are the driving force over compassion and love, the

homeless, those using Foodbanks, those persecuted for their faith or their gender or their social standing. Protect them all Lord and may you fill them with your courage, love and the hope that their lives will be transformed when they encounter you. We also think of all those living and working in the parish and surrounding areas especially those who live and work on The Green & Croft Court.

O Lord. transform the rich and powerful to receive your grace and to share what riches they have.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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.”

May the Christian church flourish and grow, with your power from on high.

You love us unconditionally Lord. Help us respond to your love and share your good news with others.

*And at the end*

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

## **The Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace (by waving to each other)*

## Preparation of table

### *We say together*

**God our Father, your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.**

**Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer (G)

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your  
praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born  
of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for  
the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you  
drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Great is the mystery of faith

**All** **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your  
right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the  
body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your  
presence, form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with Mary Mother of Jesus,  
Margaret and all the saints to the vision of that  
eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom,  
with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All** Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## **Agnus Dei**

**All** Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed..

## **The Giving of Holy Communion (on PPT screen)**

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to offer blessings by the laying on of hands or to distribute the wine.

Please wait until directed to the centre aisle to receive the bread, and sanitise your hands

before receiving. The president will be unable to say any words of distribution.

As you receive the bread, please return to your pew where you can remove your mouth covering to consume the element.

## **Music will be played during Communion**

### **For those at home**

#### *An act of Spiritual Communion*

*You may wish to find a space for prayer in front of a cross, a candle, or a special place.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. We believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We seek you. We worship and adore you. Since we cannot receive you in the Eucharistic bread and wine,

We pray that you will come into our hearts and souls, that we may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit.

Let us receive you, and be nourished by you.

Become for us the manna in our wilderness, the bread of angels for our very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of our death. We pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*We say together*

**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**

*Notices and Banns if any*

## The Blessing

**We stand for the blessing**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you**

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. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Exit Hymn : Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

*Timothy Dudley Smith*

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