

THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH Monday 1st June 2020, 7pm

HYMN

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises?
I am your song.

Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord,
and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing your songs in me.

Jesus, Jesus, you are my song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below and around me,
before, behind and all through me,
your spirit burns deep within me.
Fire my life with your love.
Jesus, Jesus, warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

You are the light in my darkness.
You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded.
Come, see for me.

Jesus, Jesus, you are my Light.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I am your song and your servant,
singing your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to your Spirit,
'Let it be done to me.'

Jesus, Jesus, 'Let it be done to me.'
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

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

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.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.



THE GLORIA *Mass of the Bread of Life - Rizza*
Glory, glory to God! Glory to God in the highest! Peace to his people on earth. 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.

Glory, glory to God! Glory to God in the highest! Peace to his people on earth. Peace to his people 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; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

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, the glory, the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, A-men! Amen, Amen, A-men!

THE 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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING **Zephaniah 3.14–18**

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah. Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalms 113**

R He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

1 The Lord is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens. **R**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth? He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people. He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

SECOND READING **Romans 12.9–16**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL **Luke 1.39–49, [50–56]**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the 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.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

by Father Gerard Mee

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

cf Psalm 85.10

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN

**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 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 home;
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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Refrain

The priest continues the prayer as we recall the Last Supper, then we are invited to profess our faith.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you
take away the sins of the world: have mercy on
us. Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy
on us. Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of



God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God, the Father.**

HYMN

**Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.**



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary as they recognised 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. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

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... **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

HYMN

**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 the 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.**

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