

SHARED MINISTRY IN EXNING AND NORTH NEWMARKET
MAY DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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Greeting

O God, make speed to save ✠ us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice, alleluia!

The minister introduces the service.

Preparation

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy and Undivided Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**

Mary, Mother of the Church, **pray for us.**

Mary, Queen of Heaven, **pray for us.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, who took flesh of the Blessed Virgin Mary and raised her to receive the highest glories of your kingdom, grant that we, contemplating faithfully her earthly life and praising the wonderful work you have accomplished in her, may be delivered from our present sufferings, renewed in our zeal for your word, comforted by your everlasting love and prepared for that heavenly life that awaits all who trust in you; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection I: Immaculate Conception

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like

a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel. Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. *Isaiah 44.1-8*

The minister offers the first reflection.

Psalm

R: Alleluia! You are my hope, O Lord my God.

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;

send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor. *R*

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence, even from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me

from my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many, but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long. *R*

My mouth shall tell of your righteousness and salvation all the day long,

for I know no end of the telling.

I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God;

I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young,

and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

Forsake me not, O God, when I am old and grey-headed,

till I make known your deeds to the next generation

and your power to all that are to come. *R*

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens;
in the great things you have done, who is like you, O God?
What troubles and adversities you have shown me, and yet you will turn
and refresh me and bring me from the deep of the earth again.
Increase my honour; turn again and comfort me.
Therefore will I praise you upon the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. *R*
My lips will sing out as I play to you,
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.
My tongue also will tell of your righteousness all the day long,
for they shall be shamed and disgraced who sought to do me evil. *R*

Psalm 71.1-8, 15-24

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection II: Annunciation

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign

over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

The minister offers the second reflection.

Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought good news to Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the time of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your Word.

Hail Mary ...

And the Word became flesh
and went about among us.

Hail Mary ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Reflection III: Visitation

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

In those days 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.'

Luke 1.39-45

The minister offers the third reflection.

Magnificat

R: Alleluia! My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;

the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name. *R*

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm

and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. *R*

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

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

to remember his promise of mercy,

the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever. *R*

Luke 1.46b-55

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who inspired the Blessed Virgin Mary, while she was carrying your Son in her womb, to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection IV: Nativity

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2.8-20

The minister offers the fourth reflection.

R: Alleluia! God is with us.

Hail, O Star that pointest towards the port of heaven,
thou to whom as maiden God for Son was given. *R*

When the salutation Gabriel had spoken,
peace was shed upon us, Eva's bond were broken. *R*

Bound by Satan's fetters, health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us at thy gentle pleading. *R*

Jesu's tender Mother, make thy supplication
unto him who chose thee at his Incarnation; *R*
that, O matchless Maiden, passing meek and lowly,
thy dear Son may make us blameless, chaste and holy. *R*

So, as now we journey, aid our weak endeavour,
till we gaze on Jesus, and rejoice for ever. *R*

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity; who lives and reigns, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Reflection V: Presentation

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on

him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God. And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.22-28, 33-35

The minister offers the fifth reflection.

Canticle

R: Alleluia! You shall be called the dwelling place of God.

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Though night still covers the earth, and darkness the peoples;
above you the Holy One arises, and above you God's glory appears. *R*

The nations will come to your light, and kings to your dawning brightness.

Your gates will lie open continually, shut neither by day nor by night.

The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders. *R*

You will call your walls, Salvation, and your gates, Praise.

No more will the sun give you daylight, nor moonlight shine upon you;

But the Lord will be your everlasting light, your God will be your splendour.

For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel. *R*

Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18-19, 14b

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection VI: Crucifixion and Resurrection

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Luke 23.55-24.9

The minister offers the sixth reflection.

Te Deum Laudamus

R: Alleluia! We praise you, O God!

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all praise;
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. *R*

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. R

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:
we believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. R

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you.

We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,
for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

let us never be put to shame.

Collect

Let us pray,

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants, may rejoice in unfailing health of mind and body, and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, may we be set free from present sorrow and come to enjoy eternal happiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection VII: Pentecost

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James

son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *Acts 1.12-14*

The minister offers the seventh reflection.

Psalm

R: Alleluia! Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion, city of God.

His foundation is on the holy mountains: the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion, city of our God. R

I record Egypt and Babylon as those who know me;

 behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

And of Zion it shall be said, 'Each one was born in her,

 and the Most High himself has established her.' R

The Lord will record as he writes up the peoples,

 this one also was born there.'

And as they dance they shall sing, 'All my fresh springs are in you.' R

Psalm 87

Collect

Let us pray.

○ God, who by the mystery of the Feast of Pentecost sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Reflection VIII: Assumption

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.' Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces

and worshipped God, singing, 'We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints and all who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth.' Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 11.15-12.1

The minister offers the eighth reflection.

Hymn

R: Alleluia! Thy kingdom come, O Lord.

O glorious Maid, exalted far beyond the light of burning star,
from him who made thee thou hast won grace to be Mother of his Son. *R*

That which was lost in hapless Eve thy holy offspring did retrieve:
the tear-worn sons of Adam's race
through thee have seen the heavenly place. *R*

Thou wast the gate of heaven's high Lord,
the door through which the light hath poured.

Christians rejoice, for through a Maid to all mankind is life conveyed. *R*

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Conclusion

Let us commend ourselves to the mercy and protection of God, and entrust ourselves to the loving intercession of Blessed Mary.

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy and Undivided Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

From all our sin and pride, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all our faults and failings, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all vanity, deceit and falsehood, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all selfishness and greed, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From hopelessness and unbelief, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all the sufferings of this world, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From this novel coronavirus, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all ill effects of quarantine and isolation, **deliver us, O Lord.**

From all our trials and temptations, **deliver us, O Lord.**

Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted, **pray for us.**

Mary, Help of the Helpless, **pray for us.**

Mary, Star of the Sea, **pray for us.**

Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**

Mary, Mother of the Church, **pray for us.**

Mary, Queen of Heaven, **pray for us.**

Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!

Has he promised has arisen, alleluia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, has brought joy to the whole world: grant that we, aided by the intercession of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, may be brought to the joys of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In the womb of Mary, earth was joined to heaven and all creation rejoiced in the hope of salvation: may the love and obedience of Mary be your example; may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes; may you be filled with the joy of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!