



St Mark's

NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



The Magnificat

Morning Prayer Wednesday 31st May 2023

Welcome to our livestreamed chapel. Join live 10.30am

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If what we do is new to you, please feel free to let it wash over you, and join in as you are able. We say the short **bold sections** together, not caring if internet latency makes it a little garbled. If you are attending in person please make sure you are registered as being on site.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world:
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
In love you destined us to be your children,
through Jesus Christ:
according to the purpose of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace:
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3–6

The Opening Prayer

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.

Psalm 83,1-8

¹ Hold not your peace, O God:

O God, be not silent or unmoved.

² **See how your enemies make uproar:**

how those that hate you have lifted up their heads.

³ For they lay shrewd plots against your people:

they scheme against those whom you have cherished.

⁴ **'Come', they say, 'let us destroy them,**

that they may no longer be a nation:

that the very name of Israel

may be remembered no more.'

⁵ With one mind they conspire together:

they make alliance against you,

⁶ **The tribes of Edom and the Ishmaelites:**

the people of Moab and the Hagarites,

⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek:

Philistia, and the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸ **Asshur also is joined with them:**

and lends a friendly arm to the children of Lot.

The visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who 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.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

God 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 the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words, and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

1 Thess 4:9 - 18

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰ and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and

with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Loving God,
who chose the blessed virgin Mary
to be the mother of your incarnate Son:
grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood,
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony
with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our
God and Father. **Amen.**