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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

Wednesday, 9 August 9:30am



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[Mary](#)^[c] was a first-century [Judean](#) woman of [Nazareth](#),^[6] the wife of [Joseph](#) and the mother of [Jesus](#). She is a central figure of [Christianity](#), venerated under [various titles](#) such as virgin or queen, many of them mentioned in the [Litany of Loreto](#). The [Eastern](#) and [Oriental Orthodox](#), [Church of the East](#), [Catholic](#), [Anglican](#), and [Lutheran](#) churches believe that Mary, as mother of Jesus, is the [Mother of God](#). Other [Protestant views on Mary](#) vary, with some holding her to have considerably lesser status.

The [New Testament](#) describes Mary as a young virgin^[d] who was chosen by [God](#) to [conceive Jesus](#) through the [Holy Spirit](#). After [giving birth to Jesus](#) in [Bethlehem](#), she raised him in the city of [Nazareth](#) in [Galilee](#), and was in [Jerusalem](#) at his [crucifixion](#) and with the [apostles](#) after his [ascension](#). Although her later life

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Salutation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Priest: Let us pray a prayer of preparation together:

All: **Christ our true and transforming Light: receive our prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no wrongful desires may distract or tempt us, who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.**

Gloria: Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the day:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All: **O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her 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.**

The Word of God —(*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*)

First Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm: 34:1-9 (*read in unison*)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ***
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; ***
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; ***
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me ***
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, ***
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me ***
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, ***
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; ***
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, ***
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

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
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Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 1:46-55

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor 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 forever."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

CONTEMPORARY NICENE CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People:

Leader: Hear our cry, O God and listen to our prayer.

People: **Hear us and help us, O God**

Leader: Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples in all the nations.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially Michael, Jennifer, Allison, Dottie, and Sherry) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Strengthen those who stand for justice; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Give to the Congress, the Courts, the President, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth, fairness, and equality.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Shower your compassion on prisoners, refugees, and all who are in any kind of trouble.

People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia*

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Anthony on the Deseret, in Scottsdale*

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who call this area home.

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another:

All: Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you this past week. Some of our sin we know—certain thoughts and words and deeds which we regret or are ashamed of. Some of which is known only to you. In your Holy Name we ask your forgiveness. Free us from our guilt and restore us to your grace that we may rest and live with peace of mind and cleanliness of heart. Amen.

Presider: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(The Ministers and People exchange signs of peace—handshakes, peace signs, namaste, hugs. etc...)

Offertory:

Presider Let us show our gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

The Doxology: #380 vs 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper: The Great Thanksgiving - EOW 1

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider continues: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and surrounded us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Sanctus

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: *“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the*

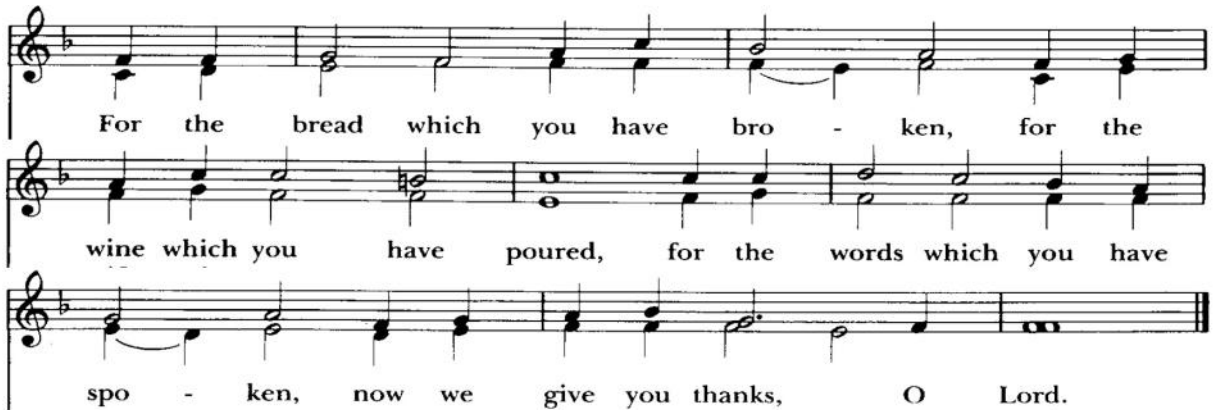
remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: *“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from



For the bread which you have broken, for the
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit (+) may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit (+) and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

CONTEMPORARY LORD’S PRAYER:

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. And 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread: (Presider breaks the consecrated bread)

Fraction Anthem #341 vs 1:

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer *(The people stand as they are able.)*

Presider; Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

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is not accounted in the Bible, [Catholic](#) and [Eastern Christian](#) traditions believe that her body [was raised](#) into [heaven](#) at the end of her earthly life, which is known in [Western Christianity](#) as the [Assumption of Mary](#) and in [Eastern Christianity](#) as the [Dormition of the Mother of God](#). [Mary has been venerated](#) since [early Christianity](#),^{[10][11]} and is considered by millions to be the holiest and greatest [saint](#). There is a certain diversity in the [Mariology](#) and devotional practices of major Christian traditions. The Catholic Church holds [distinctive Marian dogmas](#), namely her [Immaculate Conception](#) and her Assumption into heaven.^[12] Many [Protestants](#) minimize Mary's role, based on what they argue is lack of biblical support for any beliefs other than her status as the [Mother of God](#) and the [virgin birth](#).^[13] She is mentioned several times in the [Quran](#), including in a chapter [named after her](#), and has the [highest position in Islam](#) among all women.^{[14][15][16]}

The multiple forms of [Marian devotions](#) include various [prayers](#) and [hymns](#), the celebration of several [Marian feast days](#) in [liturgy](#), the veneration of [images](#) and [relics](#), the construction of [churches dedicated to Mary](#) and [pilgrimages](#) to [Marian shrines](#). Many [Marian apparitions](#) and [miracles](#) attributed to her [intercession](#) have been reported by believers over the centuries. She has been a traditional [subject in arts](#), notably in [Byzantine art](#), [medieval art](#) and [Renaissance art](#).

Names and titles

Virgin and Child with angels and Sts. George and Theodore. Icon, c. 600, from [Saint Catherine's Monastery](#)

Mary's name in the original manuscripts of the New Testament was based on her original [Aramaic](#) name מרים, transliterated as [Maryam](#) or [Mariam](#).^[17] The English name [Mary](#) comes from the Greek Μαρία, a shortened form of the name Μαριάμ. Both Μαρία and Μαριάμ appear in the New Testament.

In Christianity

In Christianity, Mary is commonly referred to as the Virgin Mary, in accordance with the belief that the [Holy Spirit](#) impregnated her, thereby conceiving her first-born son Jesus [miraculously](#), without [sexual relations](#) with her betrothed/husband Joseph, "until her son [Jesus] was born".^[18] The word "until" has inspired considerable analysis on whether Joseph and Mary produced [siblings](#) after the birth of Jesus or not.^[6] Among her many other names and titles are the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#) (often abbreviated to "BVM", or "BMV" after the [Latin](#) "*Beata Maria Virgo*"),^[20] [Saint Mary](#) (occasionally), the [Mother of God](#) (primarily in [Western Christianity](#)), the [Theotokos](#) (primarily in [Eastern Christianity](#)), Our Lady (Medieval [Italian](#): *Madonna*), and [Queen of Heaven](#) (*Regina caeli*; see also [here](#)).^{[21][22]} The title "[queen of heaven](#)" had previously been used as an [epithet](#) for a number of ancient sky-goddesses, such as [Nin-anna](#), [Astarte](#), [Ishtar](#) and Astoreth, the [Canaanite](#) sky-goddess worshipped during the Hebrew prophet Jeremiah's lifetime.^[23]

Titles in use vary among [Anglicans](#), [Lutherans](#), [Catholics](#), [Orthodox](#), [Protestants](#), [Mormons](#), and [other Christians](#).

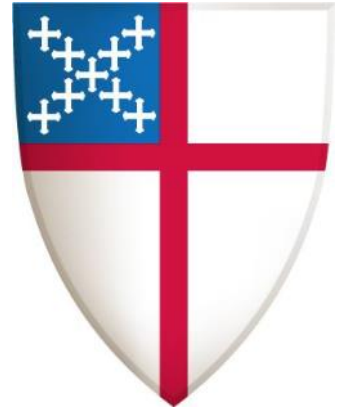
The three main titles for Mary used by the Orthodox are *Theotokos* (Θεοτόκος or "God-bearer"), [Aeiparthenos](#) (ἀειπαρθένος) which means ever-virgin, as confirmed in the [Second Council of Constantinople](#) in 553, and [Panagia](#) (Παναγία) meaning

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