**Worship for**

**The Feast of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday 16th August 2020**

**The Parish of Whitby**

**with Ruswarp**

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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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:

to you be glory and praise for ever!

In the greatness of your mercy you chose the Virgin Mary

to be the mother of your only Son.

In her obedience the day of our redemption dawned

when by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit

he took our flesh and dwelt in the darkness of her womb.

In her your glory shines as in the burning bush,

and so we call her blessed with every generation.

With her we rejoice in your salvation

and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your love.

May we bear with her the piercing sword of sorrow

in hope that we like her may share the joy of heaven,

as now we join our praise with hers, blessed among all women,

create in us a heart of love obedient to your will,

for you are Lord and you are our God for ever.

**Amen**.

*Hymn*

For Mary, mother of our Lord,

God’s holy name be praised,

who first the Son of God adored,

as on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word

she should Christ’s mother be;

Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,

made answer willingly.

The Heav’nly call she thus obeyed,

and so God’s will was done;

the second Eve love’s answer made

which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God’s shrine,

her heart to piercing pain,

and knew the cost of love divine

when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness

and home in Galilee,

there comes a joy and holiness

to ev’ry family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,

above all women blessed;

and blest your Son, whom your embrace

in birth and death confessed.

*Psalm 45.10-17*

 **(R.) The peoples shall praise you for ever.**

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;

forget your own people and your father’s house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;

he is your lord, so do him honour. **(R.)**

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;

the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king’s daughter is all glorious within;

her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **(R.)**

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;

after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought

and enter into the palace of the king. **(R.)**

‘Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,

whom you shall make princes over all the land.

‘I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;

therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.’ **(R.)**

*Reading*

Revelation 11.19-12.6

*Hymn*

Virgin-born, we bow before thee:

blessèd was the womb that bore thee;

Mary, maid and mother mild,

blessèd was she in her child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;

blessèd was the hand that led thee;

blessèd was the parent’s eye

that watched thy slumb’ring infancy.

Blessèd she by all creation,

who brought forth the world’s salvation,

blessèd they, for ever blest,

who love thee most and serve thee best.

Virgin-born, we bow before thee:

blessèd was the womb that bore thee;

Mary, maid and mother mild,

blessèd was she in her child.

*Reading*

Luke 1.46-55

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

may the name of the Lord be praised.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,**

**may the name of the Lord be praised.**

His splendour reaches far beyond the heavens;

**may the name of the Lord be praised.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,**

**may the name of the Lord be praised.**

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) (Text and music: Peter Jones)*

**(R.) The Almighty works marvels for me.**

**Holy his name, holy his name.**

My soul glorifies the Lord.

My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**

His mercy is from age to age;

on those who fear him, on those who fear him

he puts forth his arm in strength

and scatters the proud-hearted;

he casts the mighty down and raises the lowly. **(R.)**

He protects Israel, rememb'ring his mercy,

as he promised to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Alleluia. **(R.)**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Intercessions*

As we pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we say with Mary:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive

and bear a son who would be called God-with-us.

Help us to looked forward to your deliverance

and to seek the fullness of your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be

the mother of the Saviour.

Help (…and) every Christian person to be open to your word

and obedient to your will.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise,

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.’

Help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

Mary bore a son of David’s line,

a king whose reign would never end.

Bless (… and) all the nations of the world with Christ’s gift of peace.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature

in the home of Mary and Joseph.

Strengthen our homes and families,

and keep under your protection (… and) all those whom we love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother,

and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms.

Give comfort and healing to (… and) all who suffer

and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven,

robed with the sun.

Bring us with (… and) all those who have died in the faith of Christ

to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

**Holy is your name.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of Your Son,**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,

who stooped to raise fallen humanity

through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:

grant that we, who have seen your glory

 revealed in our human nature

and your love made perfect in our weakness,

may daily be renewed in your image

and conformed to the pattern of your Son,

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.**

*Hymn*

Sing we of the blessèd 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 the 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 the weight of suff’ring knew,

looked upon her Son and Saviour

reigning high on Clav’ry’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,

heav’nly 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 heav’nly home:

virgin mother, Mary blessèd,

raised on high and crowned with grace,

may your Son, the world’s redeemer,

grant us all to see his face.