

# St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord

## August 15, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



### Focus on the Season: Mary, Mother of Our Lord

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The Church (including Martin Luther), honors Mary with the title “Theotokos,” the “God-bearer,” for her willingness to bear God’s Incarnate Word into the world in her son Jesus. The Gospel reading for today is her song, called the Magnificat, where she sings with grace about God’s lifting up those who are cast down and feeding those who are hungry, the new age of God’s healing that her son, Jesus the Christ, would initiate.

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### Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: “Vêpres du Commun des fêtes de la Sainte Vierge,” op. 18: I. Magnificat  
Marcel Dupre (1866-1971)

*Recorded at Mount Olive on the feast of St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, August 15, 2013.*

*Mark Spitzack, organ*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 424, “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, Sunday, September 29, 2013.*

*Interim Cantor William Beckstrand, organ; Laura Thelander and Arthur Murray, trumpets*

### Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:7-11; reader – Janet Crosby, lector

<sup>7</sup> Because their shame was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,

and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup> 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.  
<sup>11</sup> 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.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-9      *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded by members of the Cantorei on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.*

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD <sup>1</sup> at all times; \* the praise of God shall ever be <sup>1</sup> in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> I will glory <sup>1</sup> in the LORD; \* let the lowly hear <sup>1</sup> and rejoice.  
<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness <sup>1</sup> of the LORD; \* let us exalt God's <sup>1</sup> name together.  
<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, who <sup>1</sup> answered me \* and delivered me from <sup>1</sup> all my terrors.  
<sup>5</sup> Look upon the LORD <sup>1</sup> and be radiant, \* and let not your fac- <sup>1</sup> es be downcast.  
<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction, and <sup>1</sup> the LORD heard me \* and saved me from <sup>1</sup> all my troubles.  
<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD \* and de- <sup>1</sup> livers them.  
<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good; \* happy are they who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God!  
<sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you saints <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, \* for those who fear the <sup>1</sup> LORD lack nothing.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7; reader – Kat Campbell Johnson, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, “Alleluia”      *Sung before the Gospel reading.*

*Refrain sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

*Verse recorded by members of the Cantorei on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup> Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

SERMON

**Turned**

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 723, “Canticle of the Turning”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 33 B, November 15, 2015.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Kat Campbell Johnson, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray today. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

**Sending**

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LORD’S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.*

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: “Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the feast of St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, August 15, 2013.*

*Mark Spitzack, organ*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Fuga sopra il Magnificat,” BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Recorded on the Third Sunday of Advent, year A, December 11, 2016; Cantor Cherwien, organ.*

