



## Saint Clare's 'Virtual May Procession' 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Order of Service

#### Opening Hymn: Holy Virgin, by God's decree,

Holy Virgin, by God's decree, you were called eternally; that he could give his Son to our race. Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

By your faith and loving accord, as the handmaid of the Lord, you undertook God's plan to embrace. Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

Joy to God you gave and expressed, of all women none more blessed, when in mankind your Son took his place. Mary, we love you, Hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

Refuge for your children so weak, sure protection all can seek. Problems of life you help us to face. Mary, we trust you, hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria.*

To our needy world of today, love and beauty you portray, showing the path to Christ we must trace. Mary, our mother, hail, full of grace.

*Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

#### Welcome and opening prayer

First reading read by Annie Read - Head Girl

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm read by Sebasitan Helme - Head Boy

Response to the psalm is: **Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!**

#### Reflection led by Fr Andrew

#### As I kneel before you: Led by Anne and Merin Matthews

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer, take this day, make it yours, and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you, every dream and wish are yours, Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face, every thought, every word is lost in your embrace.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*



### **Crowning of Our Lady: Bring Flowers of the rarest.**

Bring flow'rs of the rarest, bring flow'rs of the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

*Refrain: O, Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Our voices ascending, in harmony blending, oh! Thus may our hearts turn dear Mother, to thee; Oh! Thus shall we prove thee how truly we love thee, how dark without Mary life's journey would be.

*Refrain: O, Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

O Virgin most tender, our homage we render, thy love and protection, sweet Mother, to win; in danger defend us, in sorrow befriend us, and shield our hearts from contagion and sin.

*Refrain: O, Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

### **Kara, Amelia, Daisy, Edmund, Maddie, Matthew, Rosie, Judy, Francesca, Nellie, Miss Scott, and Mr. Parkinson, will lead us in a decade of the Rosary**

#### **O Lady full of God's own grace.**

O Lady, full of God's own grace, whose caring hands the child embraced, who listened to the Spirit's word, believed and trusted in the Lord.

*Refrain: O virgin fair, star of the sea, my dearest mother, pray for me.*

O Lady, who felt daily joy, in caring for the holy boy, whose home was plain and shorn of wealth,  
Yet was enriched by God's own breath.

*Refrain: O virgin fair, star of the sea, my dearest mother, pray for me.*

O Lady, who bore living's pain, but still believed that love would reign, who on a hill watched Jesus die,  
As on the cross they raised Him high.

*Refrain: O virgin fair, star of the sea, my dearest mother, pray for me*

O Lady, who on Easter day, had all your sorrow wiped away, as God the Father's will was done, when  
from death's hold He freed your Son.

*Refrain: O virgin fair, star of the sea, my dearest mother, pray for me*

### **Intersessions read by Esther and Lucy**

#### **Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady**

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your Son lay dying upon the cross He gave you to be our Mother too. As we gather now to honour you, and seek your prayerful support, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves, our families and our parish to your powerful intercession. We ask that the cloak of your protection be put around us and that you keep us before the throne of your Son in your prayers.

Dear Lady, obtain for us many graces that we may serve our brothers and sisters. And that in all things, God may have the glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Final Hymn: Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the ocean star, guide of the wanderer here below, thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care, save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea, pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid, we sinners make our prayers through thee; remind thy son that he has paid the price of our iniquity. Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea, pray for us sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears, to thee, blest advocate, we cry, pity our sorrows, calm our fears and soothe with hope our misery. Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea, pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above, in Godhead one, in persons three, the source of life, of grace, of love, homage we pay on bended knee: do thou, bright queen, Star of the Sea, pray for thy children, pray for me.



Thank you so much to the staff and children who helped put this service together in such unusual circumstances. Take care and keep safe.