



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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WELCOME to St John's this morning as we keep the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



It is wonderful to be together to honour Mary, the Mother of our Lord. We have translated this Feast from the 15th August to enable us to celebrate it on a Sunday.

Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response 'Let it be to me according to your word' revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence

for his Word, showing her to be worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh.

In the Roman Catholic calendar, the 15th August is titled the Feast of the Assumption, that being that Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Within Anglicanism the Assumption of Mary is accepted by some, rejected by others, or regarded as adiaphora ('a thing indifferent'). The doctrine effectively disappeared from Anglican worship in 1549, partially returning to Anglo-Catholic tradition during the 20th century under different names. In the Church of England 15th August (or the Sunday closest!) is celebrated as a non-specific Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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The Gathering

*When the bell rings we stand to sing the **Gathering Hymn**.*

**1 Sing we of the blessed 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 that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**3 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,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

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The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Joe welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence

Born of a woman, born under the law, Christ has redeemed
us from the curse of sin: let us come to him that he may heal
us and set us free:

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh and splendour of
the Father;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Joe says:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep
you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Refrain

The Collect

Joe introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalmody.

The First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Psalmody

*The Choir sings **Psalm 45. 10-17.** The congregation are invited to join in with the **Response.***

Response: The peoples shall praise you for ever.

10 Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
Forget your own people and your father's house.

11 So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour. **R**

12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
The richest of the people shall seek your favour.

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within;
Her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold. **R**

14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.

15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king. **R**

16 'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

17 I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.' **R**

The Second Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians (4. 4-7).

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

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**.

**1 As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Every thought, every word
is lost in your embrace.**

***Ave Maria, gratia plena
Domnius tecum, benedicta tu.***

**2 All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
Present them to my Lord.**

**3 As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace**

*Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

A seasonal sentence is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Please remain standing and turn to face the reader.

Joe says:

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(1.46-55). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour 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 for ever.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joe Moore
Team Vicar

Please sit for the sermon. After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Creed

Please stand to proclaim our faith in God, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

These responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Or: Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. Joe introduces the peace with the following sentence:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name
shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We stand to sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**1 Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria!
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!**

*Triumph, all ye cherubim;
Sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!*

**2 Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!**

**3 This earth is but a vale of tears, O Maria!
To thee we sigh, we mourn, we grieve, O Maria!**

**4 Turn then, most gracious advocate, O Maria!
Toward us thine eyes compassionate, O Maria!**

**5 When this our exile is complete, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, our Jesus sweet, O Maria!**

**6 O clement, gracious, Mother sweet, O Maria!
O Virgin Mary, we entreat, O Maria!**

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The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Joe says:

God our Father; your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast. Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.
For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.
At the cross she kept her vigil,
and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its
perfection.
She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.
Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

***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.***

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant
that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your
holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Matthias, Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Joe breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Joe and the people receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St John's today if it is your usual practice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please carry this order of service with you.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:

Pater Noster and Ave Maria

Igor Stravinsky

The Prayer after Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Prayer is said together.

God Most High, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Notices

Please sit for the notices.

*We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn.***

**1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and always.
Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The procession makes its way to the image of Our Lady.

THE ANGELUS DOMINI

The Memorial of the Incarnation of Christ

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus:
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Bow

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the
message of an angel,
so by his Cross and Passion
we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude

Toccata on Ave Maris Stella
Flor Peeters



Please remain standing until the procession reaches the back of church.

**You are warmly invited to stay with us
for refreshments after the service.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE
AWAY WITH YOU. THANK YOU.**

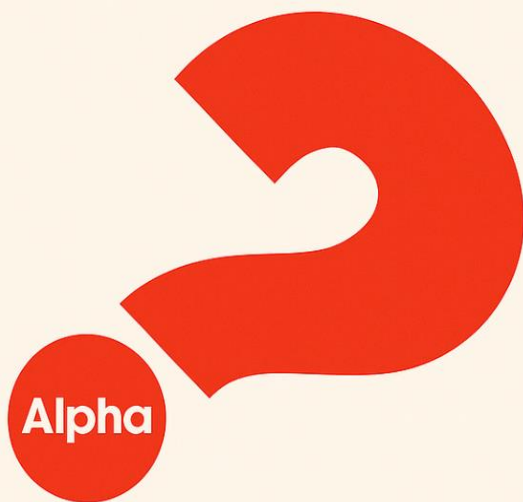
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