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# THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

MONDAY 8 APRIL 2013



*Welcome to St Mary's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.  
Please join us next door in the Presbytery for drinks after the Mass.*

*The setting of the Ordinary is Missa 'Je ne mange point de porcq',  
Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594).*

*The Propers (prayers, readings and verses) of today's Mass are set out  
overleaf.*

*The Hymns are found in The New English Hymnal.*

INTROIT *Vultum tuum**Psalms 45*

All the rich among the people shall make their supplication before thee: the virgins that be her fellows shall be brought unto the king: they that bear her company shall be brought unto thee with joy and gladness. Alleluia, alleluia. My heart is inditing of a goodly matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

CONFITEOR

**I** confess to almighty God and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the angels and saints and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God. *Absolution is given.*

KYRIE ELEISON

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

COLLECT

**W**e beseech thee, O Lord, pour 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 unto the glory of his resurrection.

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 7.10-15*

**I**n those days: The LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying: 'Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.' But Ahaz said: 'I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.' And Isaiah said: 'Hear ye now, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.'

ALLELUIA I *Ave Maria**St Luke 1*

Hail, Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

EPISTLE

*Hebrews 10.4-10*

**B**rethren: It is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when Christ cometh into the world, he saith: "'Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.'" Then said I: "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.'" Above when he said: 'Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein,' which are offered by the law, then said he: 'Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.' He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ALLELUIA II *Virga Jesse*

Now hath blossomed Jesse's rod: a virgin bears both man and God: God restoreth peace to men: high and low are one again.

GOSPEL

*St John 8. 46-59*

**A**t that time: The Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a Virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the Angel came in unto her, and said: 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.' And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the Angel said unto her: 'Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God: and, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the Angel: 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the Angel answered and said unto her: 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. Therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren: for with God nothing shall be impossible.' And Mary said: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her.

SERMON

*Fr Richard Norman (assistant priest, St Mary's Rotherhithe)*

CREED

*De Angelis (page 6 in the High Mass booklet)*

OFFERTORY MOTET

*Cristóbal de Morales (1500-1553)*

Regina coeli laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. *Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

HYMN 186

*Tell out, my soul*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**W**e beseech thee, Lord, stablish in our hearts the mysteries of the true religion: that, as we do believe thy Son, conceived of a Virgin, to be very God and very Man; so by the power of his resurrection we may be found worthy to attain to everlasting felicity.

COMMUNION *Ecce virgo*

*Isaiah 7*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel. Alleluia.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Regina coeli, dulcis et pia, o Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, ut cum electis te videamus. *Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, sweet and merciful, O Mother of God, pray for us sinners, that with the elect we may gaze upon thee.*

## POSTCOMMUNION

**O** God, who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the message of an Angel: grant to us thy humble servants that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favour in thy sight.

*The FINAL ANTHEM TO OUR LADY follows the BLESSING & DISMISSAL*

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**R** Egína caéli \* laetáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-



ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-



lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

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**M**ary is the image of the Church, the image of believing man, who can come to salvation and to himself only through the gift of love – through grace. She does not contest or endanger the exclusiveness of salvation through Christ; she points to it. She represents mankind, which as a whole is expectation and which needs this image all the more when it is in danger of giving up waiting and putting its trust in doing, which indispensable as it is – can never fill the void that threatens man when he does not find that absolute love which gives him meaning, salvation, all that is truly necessary in order to live. ✨ *Benedict XVI, Introduction to Christianity (1968)*