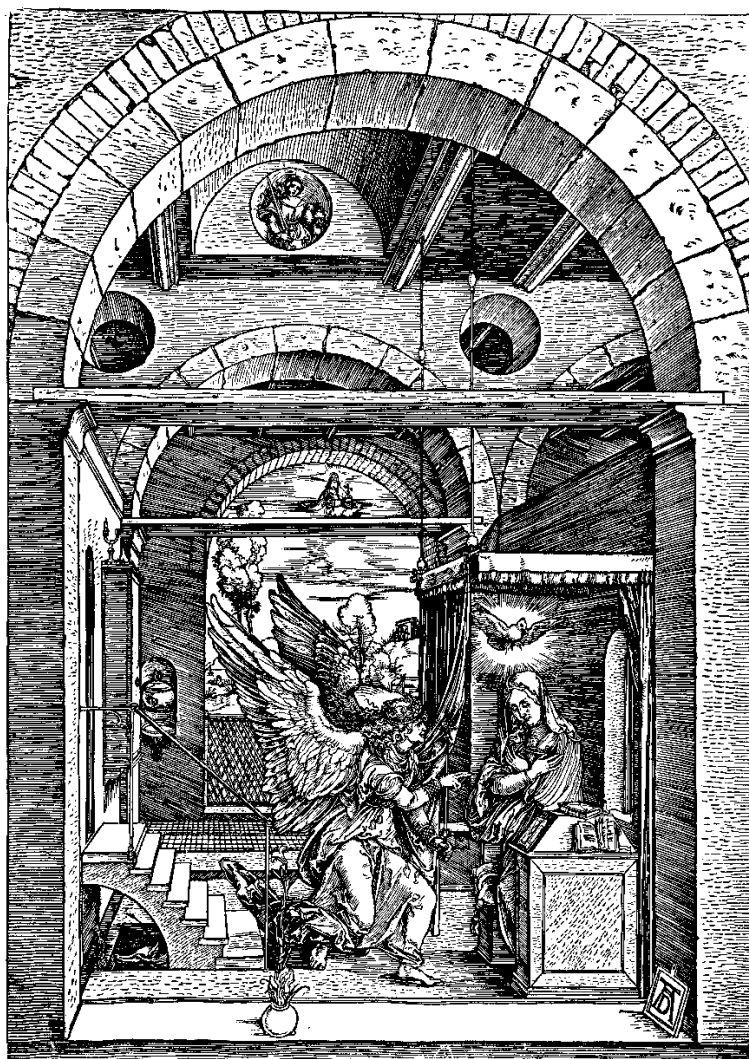


ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET



**ANNUNCIATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, 25th March, 2025

6.30pm

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

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 that 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 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.

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.

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 blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

G. B. Timms, 1910-1997

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril Taylor, 1907-1991

INTROIT

Dominus ingrediens mundum

INTRODUCTION & GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name.**
Amen.

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

K	YRIE eleison	Lord, have mercy
	Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy
	Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORY BE to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Jugendmesse

Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

THE COLLECT

WE 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 to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 7.10-15

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.' He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

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

PSALM 40.5-11

5. Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord: and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

6. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts, which are to usward: and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7. If I should declare them, and speak of them: they should be more than I am able to express.

8. Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.

9. Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come;

10. In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God: I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.4-10

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

§ *All stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1.26-38

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hearken, O Daughter, and consider, incline thine ear, for the King hath pleasure in thy beauty: with and joy and gladness shall they be bought; and shall enter into the King’s palace.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE SIXTH MONTH the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

§ *All sit.*

THE SERMON Fr Peter Anthony, *The Vicar*

THE CREED

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n,

§ *All genuflect.*

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,

§ *All stand.*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.

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

THE PEACE

God will speak peace to his people, to them that turn to him in their hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ
pérvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris,
succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu
quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum
Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius,
Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum
miserére.

*Kind mother of the Redeemer,
who remains the open door to
heaven and star of the sea,
help thy falling people,
who strive to rise:
Thou who brought forth thy holy
Son,
to Nature's astonishment,
a Virgin before and after,
receiving that 'Hail' from Gabriel's
lips,
have mercy upon sinners.*

9th century; Marian antiphon at the Major Hours from Advent to Candlemas

Jean Lhéritier, 1480-c. 1552

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

We beseech thee, O Lord, establish 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. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus Christ is Lord: **O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

The canon concludes:

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

AGNUS DEI

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people, saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

§ *All respond:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my
roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION CHANT *Ecce virgo*

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion.
It is distributed at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle.
Gluten-free Hosts are available at the latter, which also involves no steps.*

COMMUNION HYMN

AVE MARIA! O Maiden, O Mother,
Fondly thy children are calling on thee!
Thine are the graces unclaimed by another,
Sinless and beautiful, Star of the sea!

*Mater amabilis, ora pro nobis,
Pray for thy children who call upon thee;
Ave sanctissima! Ave purissima!
Sinless and beautiful, Star of the sea!*

**Ave Maria! The nightshades are falling,
Softly our voices arise unto thee;
Earth's lonely exiles for succour are calling,
Sinless and beautiful, Star of the sea! *Mater amabilis . . .***

Ave Maria! thy children are kneeling,
Words of endearment are murmured to thee;
Softly thy spirit upon us is stealing,
Sinless and beautiful, Star of the sea! *Mater amabilis . . .*

Ave Maria! thou portal of heaven,
Harbour of refuge, to thee do we flee,
Lost in the darkness, by stormy winds driven,
Sinless and beautiful, Star of the sea! *Mater amabilis . . .*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

§ *All respond: Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

YE WHO OWN the faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people
Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother
She who bare him in her womb.

Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.

Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful,
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful,
For each heedless wanderer.

Praise O Mary, praise the Father,
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted,
Lowly praise the Three in One.

V. S. Stuckey Coles, 1845-1929

DAILY, DAILY

'From a French Paroissien'

VOLUNTARY

Salut Angelico *from* Cathedral Windows

Sigrid Karg-Elert, 1877-1933