

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



SOLEMN HIGH MASS

Friday, 15th August, 2025
6.30pm

Cover image:

The Assumption of the Virgin

Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, 1727-1804

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Mass setting:

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W.A. Mozart, 1756-1791

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

**IN SPLENDOUR arrayed, in vesture of gold,
The Mother of God in glory behold!
O Daughter of David, thou dwellest on high,
Excelling in brightness the hosts of the sky.**

**O Maiden thou art, a Mother renowned;
A Mother who yet as Virgin art crowned;
The Lord of the Angels, God high and supreme,
Took flesh of thy substance, the world to redeem.**

**All kindreds and tongues thine Offspring adore,
Creation must bow his footstool before;
At thy prayerful asking may he from his height
Disperse all our shadows and fill us with light.**

**The Father we praise, who chose for his Son
A Mother all-pure, th'Immaculate one.
All praise to her Offspring who saveth our race;
Like praise to the Spirit who filled her with grace.**

Tr T.A. Lacey, 1853-1931

HANOVER

William Croft, 1672-1727

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Revelation 12.1

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

§ *All sit.*

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.

§ *All stand.*

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst assume the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son, in body and soul to heavenly glory: grant, we beseech thee; that we, ever setting our affections on things above, may likewise be partakers of that glory in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Revelation 11.19-12.6 & 10*

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in

the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

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

PSALM 45.11-18

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear : forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty : for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift : like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee. The King's daughter is all glorious within : her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee. With joy and gladness shall they be brought : and shall enter into the King's palace. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands. I will remember thy Name from one generation to another : therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

EPISTLE *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.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1.39-56*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Happy art thou, O sacred Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise: for out of thee hath arisen the Sun of righteousness, Christ our Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Peter Anthony, *The Vicar*

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, and 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, *and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man*, 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 shall 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.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Christ be always
with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Assumpta est Maria in caelum, gaudent angeli, laudantes benedicunt Dominum.

Mary has been taken to heaven, angels rejoice, praising as they bless the Lord.

Gaudete et exsultate omnes recti corde.

Let all rejoice and exult with righteous heart.

Quia hodie Maria virgo cum Christo regnat in aeternum.

For today the Virgin Mary reigns with Christ forevermore.

G. P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594

§ *All stand.*

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.**

O Lord, let the prayers of the Mother of God commend our gifts to thy mercy:
whom thou for this cause didst translate from this present world; that she might
confidently intercede before thee for our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

*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.*

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

§ *The Canon concludes:*

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

THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by all.*

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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

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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:*

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

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

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar.*

All generations will call be blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Luke 1.48-49

**MOTHER all beautiful hear us today.
Lead us thyself to the altar, we pray;
O'er us thy mantle of purity place,
Jesus is coming to flood us with grace.**

**He is so holy and we are so weak,
Veiling our faces his presence we seek.
Yet he is calling and winning us so,
Holding thy hand to the altar we go.**

Thou art his Mother, he gave us to thee,
Wounded and dying on Calvary's Tree;
Mother from birth to his life's dark eclipse,
Lay him thyself on our tremulous lips.

Hover still near while he stays in our breast,
Thanksgiving make to our glorious Guest,
Pour his sweet rivers of blood o'er our soul,
Show us his beauty, his virtues unroll.

Mother all loving we know thou wilt hear,
Clad in his glory and strength, can we fear?
Hope is triumphant! With Jesus and thee,
Angels in wonder our happiness see.

Sister Mary Paulina Finn, 1842-1935

REGNATOR ORBIS

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we, who have received this Sacrament of our salvation; may, through the merits and intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, whom thou hast assumed into heaven, be brought unto the glory of the resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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

...and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

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

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