



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

# THE EUCHARIST

THE ANNUNCIATION  
OF OUR LORD  
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
at 5.30pm

## The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Feast of the Annunciation.

*Today's service is sung by the Choir of York Minster. The setting of the Eucharist is the MISSA BREVIS by Becky McGlade (b 1974).*

*The President is the Reverend Canon James Milne, Precentor. The Preacher is the Reverend Canon Maggie McLean, Missioner.*



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# The Gathering

*A bell is rung and prayers are sung. Stand for the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional 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 our 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.

*Words* NEH 185, George Boorne Timms (1910–1997) alt.  
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*Tune* ABBOT'S LEIGH, NEH 185, Cyril Taylor (1907–1991)  
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## The Greeting

*The President says:*

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.**

*The President introduces the service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*A Deacon says:*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

**Father,  
we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The President says:*

The God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
and cleanse you from all your sins  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.*

*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.*

*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. Amen.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

We beseech you, O Lord,  
pour your grace into our hearts,  
that as we have known the incarnation of your 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 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.**

*Sit.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.'

ISAIAH 7.10-14

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Motet

*Turn to face the Deacon as the Gospel Procession moves down the Nave.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Words* LUKE 1.28, 42 and traditional

*Music* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Stand.*

# Gospel Reading

*The choir begins the Acclamation with the response, which the congregation repeats. After the choir has sung the verse, everyone repeats the response again.*

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



The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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 for ever, 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.' Then the angel departed from her.

LUKE 1.26-38

*After the Gospel the Deacon says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Organ*



**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.*

*Sit for the sermon.*

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Maggie McLean, Missioner

*The organist plays a musical response to the sermon.*

*Stand to say the Creed.*

# The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The President introduces the prayers with these words:*

On this day the Father made our salvation known to Mary  
by the message of an angel.  
Filled with confidence, let us pray.

*Sit or kneel.*

*This response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The President concludes with these words:*

Grant, O Lord,  
that by the riches of your grace  
we may grow up into him who unites our life to yours,  
even he who is the first-born of all creation,  
your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace:*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*A Deacon says:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn



1. 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, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.*

2. Blessèd were the chosen people  
out of whom the Lord did come,  
blessèd was the land of promise  
fashioned for his earthly home;  
but more blessèd far the Mother  
she who bare him in her womb.

*Hail Mary...*

3. 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.

*Hail Mary...*

4. 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,

*Hail Mary...*

5. 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.

*Hail Mary...*

*Words* NEH 188, Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845–1929)

*Tune* DAILY DAILY, NEH 188ii, melody 'from a French Paroissien'

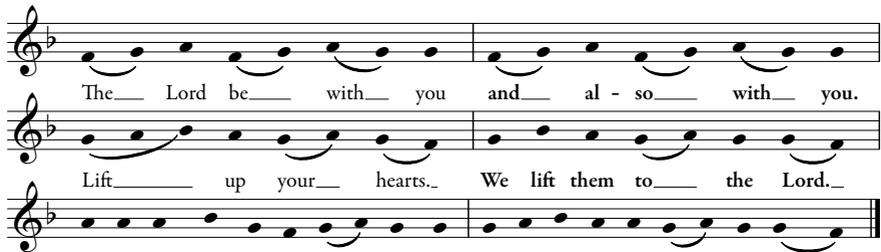
## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
so fill us with your grace,  
that we in all things may accept your holy will  
and with the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you and al - so 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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
We give you thanks and praise  
that the Virgin Mary heard with faith the message of the angel,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
conceived and bore the Word made flesh.  
From the warmth of her womb to the stillness of the grave  
he shared our life in human form.  
In him new light has dawned upon the world  
and you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you  
in your glorious kingdom.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

*The choir sings:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Remain standing.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*A Deacon says:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Organ*

Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

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,  
Peter the Apostle, William of York, 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.

*Organ*      *All*

A - men.

*A short silence is kept.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The President says an invitation to communion:*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Sit or kneel whilst making your preparation to receive communion  
and for prayerful reflection afterwards.*

*During the distribution of communion the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
miserere nobis. the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
dona nobis pacem. the world, grant us peace.*

*Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the stewards.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand.*

*The President says:*

Let us pray.

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 the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

# The Dismissal

*Remain standing.*

*The President says:*

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 and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The Deacon says:*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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