



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BRISBANE



Anglican Mothers Union Australia
part of the World Wide Mother's Union
Diocese of Brisbane

The Feast of the Annunciation

Preacher:
The Right Reverend John Roundhill
Bishop for the Southern Region

Wednesday 25th March 2020
10am

NOTES AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome to those who join us via our live stream, or are watching the recording.

Acknowledgement of country

The community based at St John's Cathedral acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, The Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

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Preacher: The Right Rev'd John Roundhill,
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit Hymn: The Mothers' Union Hymn - 'Holy and gracious God'

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Melody from 'Geislische Kirchengesang' Cologne, 1623

arr. and harm Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Holy and gracious God, we bring
Praise and thanksgiving as we sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!
Your love has brought us to this day.
your faithfulness still lights our way.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, alleluia.
2. Through all our years of work and prayer,
In all the ministry we share.
 alleluia, alleluia!
Led by your Spirit, we have found
Our common purpose, common ground.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, ...
3. You called us, chose us for your own,
Sent us to make your goodness known.
 alleluia, alleluia!
Now we take up this call anew,
Loving our neighbours, loving you.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, ...
4. Deepen our confidence in prayer,
Give new compassion in our care,
 alleluia, alleluia!
Fill us, so we may help to feed
All who are hungry or in need,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, ...
5. Gladly we praise you, loving God,
Gladly receive your living Word.
 alleluia, alleluia!
Your Holy Spirit, too, we bless,
One God in grace and holiness.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, ...

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The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Sentence

Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1.38

The Presider welcomes all present.

The Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession

The Lord has mercy on those who fear him from generation to generation.

Silence is kept.

Let us humbly confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident that God will raise us up.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 for the Annunciation

Let us pray.

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;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mary Sumner

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served;
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.**

Please sit.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 7.10-14

A reading from the book, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 40.6-13

**O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:**

there is none to be compared with you;

Were I to declare them and speak of them:

they are more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:

but my ears you have marked for obedience;

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:

then said I, Lo, I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me, that I should do your will:

O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation:

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and that you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:

I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.

I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:

from the great congregation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.4-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn TiS 217 (i)

Tune: HYFRYDOL

Melody by Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-87)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1.26–38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

For the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Loving God, you chose your servant Mary to bear the Saviour of the world: give us we pray the graces of Mary: faith, patience, ready obedience, thankfulness and courage.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God: We pray for the church throughout the world. Pour down your Spirit upon your whole church. Grant a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your word, a new consecration to your service, that through our renewed witness your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced. We pray for all church leaders especially Archbishop Phillip, bishops, clergy and people.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all parents everywhere, for all the joy and happiness that children bring. In the times when parents feel stressed and overtired, give them space to relax, time to recover and peace in mind and heart.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we thank you for the great love you have for each of us. We pray that you will help us to pass that love on to the next generation. We pray that the love we behold in Christ Jesus may be made manifest in our own lives.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God give a sense of hope to your people who live in countries where there is conflict. May they receive the love and nourishment they deserve, and may they strengthen each other through circumstances we cannot begin to imagine. We pray that they may be released from pain and despair.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those in sorrow, grief or anxiety, for the sick and the dying, and all who care for them. We pray for survivors of violence, abuse and neglect.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for the faithful departed, giving thanks for your servants in every generation, especially remembering the Virgin Mary and Mary Sumner and ask that we may share with them in Christ's resurrection glory.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union throughout the world, particularly for members in countries and situations where women have few opportunities for so many things that we take for granted: education, access to health facilities and equal rights.

Spirit of the Living God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for Mothers' Union, for our Australian President, Ann, our Diocesan President, Beverley and all members throughout the world as we join in our Mothers Union prayer:

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

**as we seek to share your love through the encouragement,
strengthening and support of marriage and family life.**

**Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship,
and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

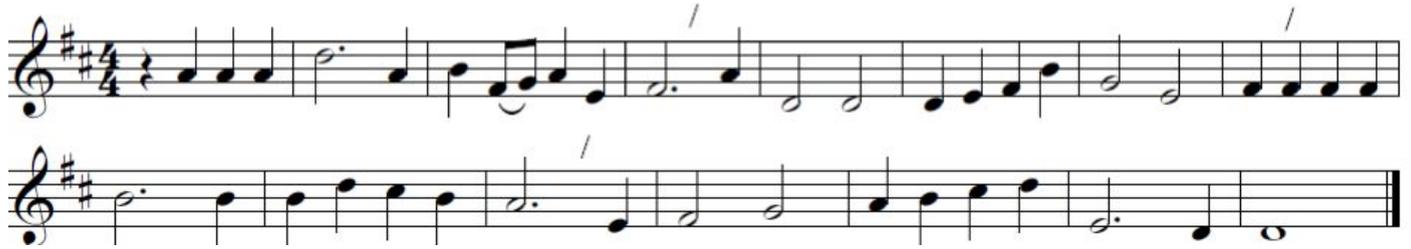
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn TIS 161

Tune: WOODLANDS
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



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!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926), based on the Magnificat

The Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks for the obedience of your servant Mary,
who by your grace answered your call
to be the mother of your Son.
With all generations we call her blessed,
and with her we rejoice in the greatness of your salvation.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Saviour,
your word proclaims our salvation which we taste in the bread of life.
Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary
that we, too, may respond as willing servants
and bear your Word to our world.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully
and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Missional Hymn TiS 687

Tune: CAMBERWELL
John Michael Brierley (b. 1932)



1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Elizabeth J. Smith (b. 1956)

The Blessing

Christ, the Son of God, born of Mary, gladden our hearts by his coming to dwell among us, and fill us with joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

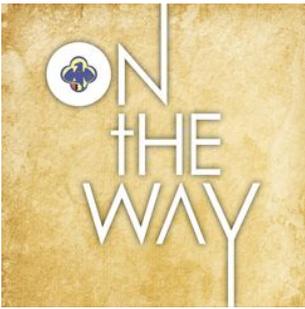
The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

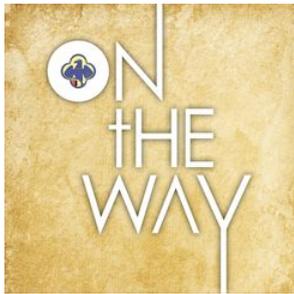
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Faith in a time of Fear (Episode 47). In the midst of the coronavirus crisis, what are healthy ways of responding? How do we find ways to be community and be the best humans we can be in a time of anxiety? Like everyone else, Dom, Sue, and Peter are just coming to terms with the rapidly changing face of a pandemic. In this conversation we are joined by The Rev'd Dr Ann Solari, Deacon at the cathedral and GP who offers medical care to different groups,

including amongst people who are homeless. This conversation explores the risks for the most vulnerable and the many facets of the way this pandemic is affecting individuals and societies.

How can we be doing life differently at this time? How could we find the invitation to life in a time of crisis and be communities of love and courage?

(Please note that this conversation was recorded on the 20 March before churches were closed)

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