
Church of the Annunciation

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Welcome to The Annunciation. This leaflet contains all you need for today's service. Children's resources are available – please ask.

THE GATHERING

¶ ENTRANCE HYMN: *O for a heart to praise my God*

NEH 74

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| <p>1 O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:</p> <p>2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:</p> <p>3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:</p> | <p>4 A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.</p> <p>5 My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden reposset,
From self, and sin, I cease.</p> <p>6 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.</p> |
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Charles Wesley, 1707-88

¶ THE GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest greets the people and all respond
and also with you.*

Words of welcome and introduction follow

¶ PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

The priest says the Absolution and all respond, Amen.

¶ KYRIE ELEISON sung by all

New English Folk Mass, NEH 541

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in excelsis is omitted in Lent

¶ COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.**

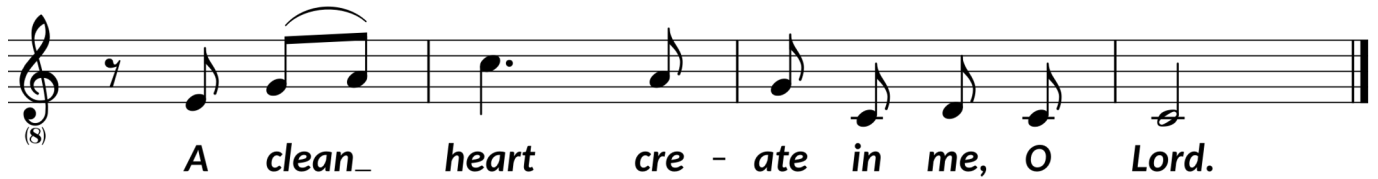
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Lent 5 year B

¶ 1ST READING: Jeremiah 31.31-34

God promises a new covenant with his people

¶ RESPONSORIAL PSALM 107.1-3, 17-22 with refrain



Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences. / Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. R/.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement. R/.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. / Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. R/.

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. / Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me. R/.

¶ 2ND READING: Hebrews 5.5-10

Jesus is our great high priest

¶ GOSPEL READING: John 12.20-33

Jesus will draw all people to himself

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

*If anyone serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me:
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel, according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ SERMON

¶ NICENE CREED

**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

We pray for the Church and the world. Suitable responses may be used.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

¶ THE PEACE

*The Peace may be exchanged here or before Communion.
The priest uses a sentence of scripture or a prayer, then says*

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

All greet one another with a sign of peace

*A collection is taken during this hymn. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews.
A card reader is also available at the back of the church for donations as you leave.*

1 **O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

2 **O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

3 **O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.**

4 **O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.**

John Bode, 1816-74

¶ PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Pray ... may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

Hear us, almighty God,
and having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Words proper to the season or day follow, and all sing

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel as the priest invokes the Holy Spirit and recalls the Last Supper.

This acclamation follows

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*The prayer continues, calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection
and praying for the coming of the kingdom. All respond, **Amen.***

¶ 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.***

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil ...
... the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

***For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

¶ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

If the Peace was not exchanged earlier it follows here.

Agnus Dei is sung as the Bread is broken

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

¶ GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Amen, amen, I say to you: unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Communion is offered in both kinds. Please form a line in the centre aisle, receive the Host from the priest in front of the altar, then the Chalice at one of the points at the ends of the aisles, and return to your place by the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive the chalice simply return directly to your seat after receiving the Host.

During Communion the choir sings In paradisum from the Requiem by Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

¶ POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *It is a thing most wonderful (please stand)* NEH 84

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| 1 It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be, [heaven,
That God's own Son should come from
And die to save a child like me. | 3 But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart. |
| 2 And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot, [died
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and
For love of those who loved him not. | 4 It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor. |
| 5 And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art. | |

Edwin Hatch, 1835-89

¶ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

¶ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

¶ THE ANGELUS *follows*

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*The priest says a short prayer and all answer, **Amen.***

¶ POSTLUDE: *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*

JS Bach (1685-1750)

*Please sit and listen quietly to the Postlude and join us for refreshments in
the Lady Chapel once it is over. During Lent we do not applaud the Postlude*

NOTICES FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 17 MARCH 2024

Way of the Cross this afternoon at 3.00pm at The Annunciation.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**, and the beginning of Holy Week. In addition to services here our customary joint *Service of Penitence and Reconciliation* will take place this year at 5.00pm at Saint George's, Bickley. Please also note the **sign-up lists** at the back of the church for the Maundy Thursday foot-washing and watch at the altar of repose.

We plan to restore **Communion at the altar rail** from Easter Day. To do this we need to update our list of chalice assistants. If you were previously on the list and wish to stay on, or if you would be willing to assist with the chalice, please speak to Father Paul.

Looking ahead: **Sunday 7 April**, *Solemnity of the Annunciation*, Sung Mass at 5.00pm; Preacher, Father Philip Barnes, former Shrine Priest at Walsingham. **Wednesday 8 May**, *Eve of the Ascension*, Sung Mass at 7.30pm (Father Paul's 40th Anniversary of Priesting).

Please also remember our **Spring Fair** on Saturday 18 May. Your donations for the stalls will be gratefully received at any time.

Prayer list: King Charles, Simon Ashburn, Rene Atkins, Sue Bailes, Sheila Bonnick, Linda Gaden, Brian Gapp, Madeline Gardner, Anita Hellyer, Cliff & Pauline Mayes, Mick Piggott, Glenys Thomas, Trey-Jayden Thomson, Val Thomson, Ayla Turner, Kievan Williams, Annabel.

Years' Mind: Walter Budd (21st); Peter Akehurst (23rd).

THIS WEEK: FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Confessions are heard Saturdays at 10.30am (Father Paul) and by appointment.

Morning Prayer is said Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.15am and 8.15am on Saturdays.

Monday 18th (Cyril of Jerusalem)	10.00am Low Mass	<i>Theologians</i>
Tuesday 19th (JOSEPH)	6.30pm Low Mass & Exposition	<i>All fathers</i>
Wednesday 20th (Lent feria)	10.00am Low Mass 8.00pm Online Lent course	<i>Members of Parliament</i>
Thursday 21st (Lent feria)	10.00am Coffee Stop 7.30pm Low Mass	<i>The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Friday 22nd (Lent feria)	10.00am Low Mass	<i>Rough sleepers and agencies that support the homeless</i>
Saturday 23rd (Lent feria)	9.00am Low Mass	<i>The worthy keeping of Holy Week</i>
SUNDAY 24TH (PALM SUNDAY)	8.00am Low Mass 10.00am Liturgy of the Palms & Parish Mass 5.00pm Penitential Service at Saint George's, Bickley	<i>Our parish and people</i>
