
Church of the Annunciation

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MOTHERING or REFRESHMENT SUNDAY
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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: *We sing the praise of him who died*

NEH 94

1 We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

2 Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

3 The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854

¶ 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

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

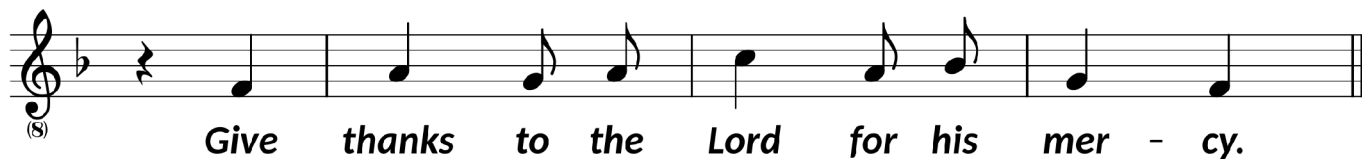
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Lent 4 Year B

¶ 1ST READING: Numbers 21.4-9

The people of Israel rebel in the wilderness

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



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever. / Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy, / And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. R/.

Some were foolish and took a rebellious way, and were plagued because of their wrongdoing. / Their soul abhorred all manner of food and drew near to the gates of death. / Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. R/.

He sent forth his word and healed them, and saved them from distraction. / Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children. / Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. R/.

¶ 2ND READING: Ephesians 2.1-10

By grace you have been saved through faith

¶ GOSPEL READING: John 3.14-21

The Son of Man must be lifted up

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**2 For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**5 For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**6 For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

F. S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917

¶ 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.**

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
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.**

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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 sing the chorale Chorale O Mensch Bewein (O man thy grievous sin bemoan) by JS Bach (1685-1750)

¶ POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Father, hear the prayer we offer (please stand)* NEH 357

1 **Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.**

2 **Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.**

3 **Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.**

4 **Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Maria Willis, 1824-1908

¶ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **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: Chorale prelude, O Mensch Bewein

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 10 MARCH 2024

Way of the Cross this afternoon at 3.00pm at Saint Patrick's

Our **Lent Programmes** continue, with a 'Holy Half Hour' before the Blessed Sacrament after the Tuesday 6.30pm Mass; and an online programme by Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm. Please also remember our **Lent Appeal** for the Red Cross. Use the white envelopes and mark your donation clearly.

Maundy Thursday: Volunteers are needed for the Washing of Feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose. Please see the sign-up lists are the back of the church.

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).

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: Herbert Symes (10th); Janet Rowlands (15th).

THIS WEEK: FOURTH 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 11th (Lent feria)	10.00am Low Mass	<i>Local schools</i>
Tuesday 12th (Lent feria)	6.30pm Low Mass & Exposition	<i>Pope Francis</i>
Wednesday 13th (Lent feria)	10.00am Low Mass 8.00pm Online Lent course	<i>The departed</i>
Thursday 14th (Lent feria)	10.00am Coffee Stop 7.30pm Low Mass	<i>World peace</i>
Friday 15th (Lent feria)	10.00am Low Mass	<i>The hungry and poor</i>
Saturday 16th (Lent feria)	9.00am Low Mass	<i>Relief agencies</i>
SUNDAY 17TH (LENT V)	8.00am Low Mass 10.00am Parish Mass 3.00pm Way of the Cross at The Annunciation	<i>Our parish and people</i>
