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"He has looked with favour on his lowly servant"

No. 140. The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 18 December 2022

Isaiah 7.10-16

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. 13 Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 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. 15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.



Canticle: Magnificat (The Song of Mary) Luke 1.46-55

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
 - 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**
 - 3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
 - 4 **He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
 - 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
 - 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**
 - 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
 - 8 **The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**
- Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Matthew 1.18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22 All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Anglican Church of Korea, Peter Lee Kyeong-ho, Presiding Bishop. In our deanery: Gargrave St Andrew, Revd Andrew Steer.*

Our charity: *Maternity Worldwide: working in low-income countries to help women and girls access the high quality maternal health care they need to be able to give birth safely.*

In our community: *All expectant mothers, fathers, and young families.*

Those in ill health: *Robert Hird, Joan Robson, Peter Read.*

Those who have died: *Ian Woodburn.*

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked
for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things
we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Music in today's morning service

Sunday 18th December 11.00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

Opening Hymn: (Brown booklets 249) The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gradual Hymn: (Brown booklets 251) The Holly and the Ivy verses 1-3

Music in Sermon: Labor of Love, Andrew Peterson, Jill Phillips) from Behold the Lamb of God, 2019

Hymn Before Communion: (Brown booklets 251) The Holly and the Ivy verses 4-6

Closing Hymn: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Come along to our other services today:

9:30 **Austwick** Short Holy Communion (*spoken BCP*);

4.00 **Austwick** Carol Service preceded by carols outside church at 3.40pm;

7.00 **Eldroth** Nativity and Carol Service

ALL OUR SEASONAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tuesday 20th December 6.30pm Carol Singing on Newby Green

Thursday 22nd December

7.00pm **Keasden** Carols around the Crib

Friday 23rd December 6.30pm Carol Singing at The Lake House, Clapham

Christmas Eve 24th December

3.00 **Austwick** Crib Service;

5.00 **Clapham** Crib Service followed by a short Holy Communion;

11.30pm **Austwick** Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30 **Eldroth**; 11:00 **Keasden** Christmas Family Communion

The First Sunday of Christmas, 1st January

9.30am **Eldroth** Benefice New Year Holy Communion

followed immediately by Keasden 150 New Year Parish Walk

Meet Keasden Head track end 10.30am or Keasden Head Farm 11.00am

The Epiphany, 8th January

9.30am **Austwick** Three Kings Holy Communion;

11:00 **Keasden** Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion;

11:00 **Clapham** 'Easy Church' (*short, informal worship*);

6:30 **Eldroth** Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd January

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion;

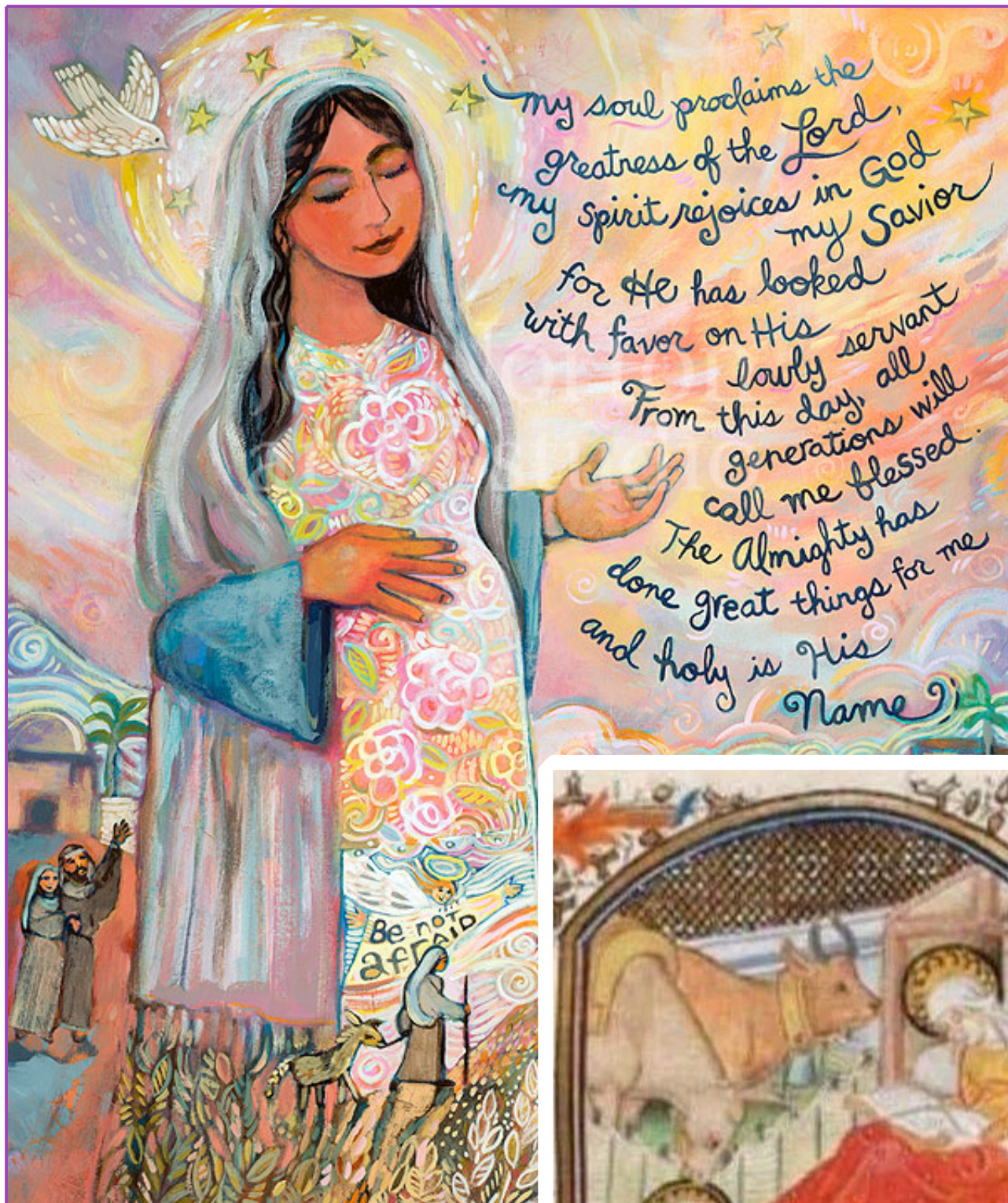
7:00 **Keasden** Evening Service

Sunday 29th January

10:30 **Austwick** Messy Church;

7:00 **Clapham New Inn** Church in the Pub

Also each Wednesday (except 28 Dec): 10.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion



ABOVE: The Canticle of Mary (Magnificat). Jen Norton

RIGHT: A nativity from the fifteenth century. Mary studying scripture. Joseph tending the baby. progressivechristianity.org

