

SOUTHWARK  
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

# Choral Eucharist

**The Annunciation of the Lord  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday 25 March 2022, 5.30pm

# Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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## **Setting**

Mass in G · Franz Schubert

## **Voluntary**

Fugue on the Magnificat BWV 733 ·  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

**All Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit.*

*The choir sings the Gloria in excelsis.*

*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.*

*Please stand.*

## The Collect

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;  
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.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 7. 10–14

*Read by Philip Feakin.*

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

Again 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

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

# Gospel

Luke 1. 26–38

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **Sermon**

The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used:*

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

You chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son. Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption. We pray for Christopher our Bishop, Andrew our Dean, and the life of our cathedral and diocese, and for the unity and health of the whole Church.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Through your angel Gabriel you brought a message of peace and joy to Mary. Give to the world the joy and peace of salvation.

We pray for peace wherever there is conflict, especially for the peoples of Ukraine and Russia. Bring justice and mercy, with reconciliation and new hope.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

By the consent of your handmaid and the power of the Holy Spirit, your Word came to dwell among us. Open our hearts to receive Christ, as Mary the Virgin received him. We pray for ourselves, for all who are keeping a holy Lent, and all who are in need of your life and your love.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

You look with compassion on the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Encourage, Lord, the downhearted, help all those in need and sickness, and comfort those near to death.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

To you, O God, nothing is impossible, and you alone do marvellous things. Save us, and bring us on the last day with all the faithful departed into your glorious kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.

**All Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand.*

## **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  
**All and also with you.**

*Please stand.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

NEH 161

For Mary, Mother of the Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
Who first the Son of God adored,  
As on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word  
She should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
Made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
And so God's will was done;  
The second Eve love's answer made  
Which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,  
Her heart to piercing pain,  
And knew the cost of love divine  
When Jesus Christ was slain.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
Above all women blest;  
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
In birth and death confessed.

*Text: J.R. Peacey (1896–1971)*

*Tune: Kilmarnock: Neil Dougall (1776–1862)*

# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All 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:

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 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.

**All Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

# Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The President makes their Communion saying*

The body of Christ.

**All Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

**All Amen.**

*Please follow the directions of the Stewards. Communion is given in one kind only and in silence. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head. The blessing will be given in silence. Please return to your seat by the central aisle and respect your distance at all times.*

*The Choir sings the Agnus Dei followed by the*

## Communion Anthem

The Angel Gabriel · Malcolm Archer

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **Notices**

*Please stand.*

## The Blessing

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 among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Final Hymn

NEH 186

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.

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.

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.

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 forevermore!

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)*

*Tune: Woodlands: Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)*

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Voluntary**

*Ave Maris stella IV. Finale · Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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