



ST ANDREW'S
* CATHEDRAL *
ABERDEEN

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us today. Please join us for tea and coffee after the service. If you are visiting, please do stay and ask a member of the congregation for directions.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

10.45 am, Sunday 18 August 2019

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost
Director of Music and organist: Professor Andrew Morrisson

Mass Setting

William Byrd, *Mass for Three Voices*

Organ voluntary before the service: César Franck, Prelude

Introit Hymn 181 (NEH, tune ii)

(Words: Venantius Fortunatus, *Quem terra, pontus, aethera*, Tr. J.M. Neale. Music: Michael Praetorius, Harmony by G.R. Woodward)

1 The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

2 And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

3 How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

4 Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-desired of all the earth.

5 O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15 (NRSV)

read by Elizabeth Poobalan

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. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Psalm 45 (vv. 11-18) Chant 196

11 Hearken O daughter and consider, in|cline thine | ear : forget also thine own
people | and thy | father’s | house.

12 So shall the King have pleasure | in thy | beauty : for he is thy Lord | God and
| worship thou | him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be | there with a | gift : like as the rich also
among the people shall make their | suppli|cation be|fore thee.

14 The King’s daughter is all | glorious with|in : her clothing | is of | wrought |
gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in | raiment of | needle-work : the virgins
that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be | brought | unto |
thee.

16 With joy and gladness shall | they be | brought : and shall enter | into the |
King’s | palace.

17 Instead of thy fathers thou | shalt have | children : whom thou mayest make
| princes in | all | lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generation | to an|other : therefore
shall the people give thanks unto thee, | world with|out | end.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end.

A|--|men.

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

read by Ike Okpala

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual Hymn 187 (NEH)

(Words: Bishop Reginald Heber; the hymn was written while he was Bishop of Calcutta.

Music: I. Bourgeois, *Mon Dieu, Prête moi l’oreille*)

1 Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her child.
Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
blessèd was the hand that led thee;
Blessèd was the parent’s eye
That watched thy slumbering infancy.

2 Blessèd she by all creation,
Who brought forth the world’s
salvation,
Blessèd they for ever blest,
Who love thee most and serve thee
best.
Virgin-born we bow before thee;
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her child.

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Offertory Hymn 185 (NEH)

(Words: G.B. Timms, priest in the Church of England. The text refers to Mary's seven joys – in vv 1,3 and 4 – and her sorrows at the Crucifixion – v 2; see below. Music: Cyril Taylor, Abbot's Leigh. Originally this hymn was sung to the melody *Austria* by J. Haydn, but as this was the German national anthem it was deemed unsatisfactory during World War 2, and Taylor wrote this melody in 1941 while working at the BBC)

1 Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3 Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with
grace,
May thy Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

According to medieval tradition, the Blessed Virgin experienced seven joys and seven sorrows. The above hymn references most of the seven joys: the Annunciation, the Nativity of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection of Christ, the Ascension of Christ to Heaven, Pentecost, the Coronation of the Virgin in Heaven. The hymn also references in verse 2 those of Mary's sorrows that occurred at the Crucifixion.

Communion Motet: William Byrd, *Ave Verum corpus*

Post-Communion Hymn 186 (NEH)

(Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, based on the *Magnificat*. Music: Walter Greatorex, a music teacher who taught, amongst others, Benjamin Britten and W.H. Auden)

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 to 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 for evermore!

Organ voluntary: Mendelssohn, Allegro & Chorale

LET US PRAY

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

In the Cathedral community we pray for Ron Hudson, Helena Thomas, Audrey Gray, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary: Godwin Chimara.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, especially those whose year's mind is this week.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and the Most Rev'd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for young people and their teachers, as they begin a new academic year.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in the Church of Ireland, and Bishop Ferran Glenfield; and the Diocese of Aarhus in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark, and Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen.

NEWS AND NOTICES

The Fellowship Group meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.

Cathedral at Noon, 24 August, 12 pm: Christine Arrant and Conall MacAoidh, Music for guitar and flute, including Bach and Piazzolla.

Joint Congregational Outing with St. John's Church on Sunday 8 September 2019, to the V&A Museum of Design in Dundee. High tea in Edzell, with pick up and drop off from the Cathedral at 12.45pm and 7.45pm, respectively. Cost £15. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet (at the back of the Cathedral) and indicate your meal preference.

Note that the **Simplyhealth Aberdeen Run** will take place on Sunday 25 August. This will start and finish on Union Street, starting at 9.05 am, and will include King Street, so that access to the Cathedral by car will be affected. More information can be found here: <https://www.greatrun.org/great-aberdeen-run>.

The flowers this week have been kindly sponsored by Godwin Chimara to the Glory of God and to celebrate his 40th Birthday. Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers for a specific Sunday should contact the Cathedral office or Moira Middleton or put money in a Gift Aid envelope with details of what you wish to celebrate and your donation.

SERVICES

Wednesday, 21 August: *Holy Communion* at 10 am

Sunday, 25 August: *Holy Communion* at 8 am, *Sung Eucharist* at 10.45 am.

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