

The Gathering – first video

Welcome - [OLIVER]

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to this celebration—a celebration of the feast day of the saint from whom this Cathedral takes its name, Mary the Mother of the Lord. Mary's Song, which we'll hear read later in the Gospel, celebrates what seem like impossible outcomes: the hungry filled; tyrants put down and victims of their abuse raised up. These outcomes, sings Mary, are what God has planned for the world. No oppressor—not even a terrible pandemic—will have the last word. And that is what we proclaim, with Mary, today.

Collect for Purity - [HELENA]

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Confession

[KELVIN] God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

[Silence]

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[OLIVER] God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria - [Greening - MAGNUS WALKER]

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.

Collect - [OLIVER]

Faithful to your promise, O God, you have lifted up the lowly, clothing with heavenly splendour the woman who bore Christ, our life and resurrection. Grant that the Church, prefigured in Mary, may bear Christ to the world and come to share his triumph. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word – second video

Reading: Isaiah 7.10-15 - [FRANNY]

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Reading: – [KELVIN]

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew.
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[TEXT]

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon [KELVIN]

[TEXT]

Intercessions [PAT]

We pray for those who do not experience the justice and joy of which Mary sings, and for those who work to make its vision reality.

We pray for those without shelter ...

for all displaced by war and violence, in overcrowded refugee camps or making perilous voyages in search of safety; for those

who work to relieve their plight and oppose the narratives which dehumanise and devalue them

for all trying to salvage their lives amongst the wreckage and rubble of Beirut, and for those working alongside them

for all living on the streets or threatened with the loss of their home due to the disruptions of coronavirus; for homeless charities and those who work for economic and urban regeneration

Give shelter and succour to those in need; and strength and hope to those who support them.

Son of Mary, hear our prayers.

We pray for those who are hungry ...

for the increasing numbers who are dependent on food banks, for those who speak out against the narratives which dehumanise and devalue them, and all who work to keep food banks operational and accessible

for those who go hungry because their fields feed a demand for low prices, endless choice and unseasonal availability; for Fair trade organisations that support and champion them; and all who make plain the consequences our greed has for those who supply our tables

Give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed.

Son of Mary, hear our prayers.

We pray for those who are victimised, ostracised or marginalised because of race, religion, gender or sexuality ...

for all in fear of the increasingly strident voices which reinforce prejudice and stir up hate; and those who by word and action, oppose these dehumanising narratives

for all whose isolation has been heightened by the coronavirus epidemic and all involved in networks offering support and care to them

Give comfort and resilience to those who are devalued, threatened and excluded, and encouragement and joy to those who lift and shelter them

Son of Mary, hear our prayers.

We pray for your church as it works to keep Mary's song uplifted and embodied ...

for Kevin our Bishop and for the Churches of St Mungo's, Alexandria and St Augustine's, Dumbarton

for those responsible for planning church reopening, and balancing resources to ensure provision and welcome for all

for the ministries of support, encouragement and healing in local congregations; for Elizabeth and Ann for whom prayer has been requested today, and others known to us whom we name before you now

Give wisdom and discernment, resourcefulness, courage, and energy to your body here on earth until that day when the vision of your Kingdom with its narrative of full and flourishing life becomes the present reality of all.

Son of Mary, hear our prayers.

Communion – third video

Offertory - [OLIVER]

Mary rejoiced because God had done great things for her. Her response to these great things was an offering of sacrifice and love. We follow in the steps of Mary as people trying to do the same.

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Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.**

All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer - [OLIVER]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who honour Mary, chosen mother of your Son,
and with all generations call her blessed,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

[Greening - MAGNUS WALKER]

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.

By your power you raised him from the dead.

He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free to be his Body in the world

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,

having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,

and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

**Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love**

**until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer - [KELVIN]

As our Saviour has taught us,
so we pray:

**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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Communion

Today we cannot each receive the bread and wine in person but God is present in this world.

As we gaze in our adoration we feed on God in our hearts and minds that we may in turn feed the world.

Music at Communion - [Christine]

Ave Maria - Simon Lindley

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee 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.

Post Communion Prayer - [HELENA]

God of grace, today we raise our voices to magnify your holy name, and in our own generation to call her blessed who became the mother of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May we who have shared this holy food continue with her in your glorious kingdom, founded and established in Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Blessing - [OLIVER]

Thank you to all who made this special celebration ... special.

'God's mercy', sang Mary, 'flows from generation to generation'. May the kindness and compassion of the Blessed Mother, a vessel of God's grace, flow through us in our time.

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. **Amen.**

A hymn and materials for Young Church are available on the online worship page at www.thecathedral.org.uk/worship.

Image during Gloria

Master of the Brussels Initials (Italian, active about 1389 - 1410)

The Annunciation; Initial V: The Virgin in Prayer, between 1389 and 1404, Tempera colors, gold leaf, gold paint, and ink on parchment

Leaf: 33 × 24 cm (13 × 9 7/16 in.), Ms. 34 (88.MG.71), fol. 182

The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, Ms. 34, fol. 182

Image at the Sanctus

Gentile da Fabriano (Italian, about 1370 - 1427)

Coronation of the Virgin, about 1420, Tempera and gold leaf on panel

93 × 64.1 cm (36 5/8 × 25 1/4 in.), 77.PB.92

The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

Image during communion

Masters of Dirc van Delf (Dutch, active about 1400 - about 1410)

Initial D: The Virgin and Child, about 1405–1410, Tempera colors, gold leaf, and ink on parchment

Leaf: 16.5 × 11.7 cm (6 1/2 × 4 5/8 in.), Ms. 40 (90.ML.139), fol. 14

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In the sermon

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Virgin Mary punching the devil in the face, book of hours ('The De Brailes Hours'), Oxford ca. 1240 (BL, Add 49999, fol. 40v)