

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 8 September 2024



11.15am Sung Eucharist

Organ Prelude: *Nun danket alle Gott*, BWV 657, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Communion Setting: *Messe Solennelle*, Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky

(NEH 181 t. ii)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PRAYER OF PREPARATION and KYRIE ELEISON

COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O merciful God, hear the prayers of thy servants who commemorate the
Nativity of the Mother of the Lord;
and grant that by the incarnation of the dear Son we may indeed be
made nigh unto him;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

FIRST READING *read by Wendy Whitaker*

Romans 8: 28–30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

GRADUAL *sung by the choir*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

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.

Words: from the Angelic Salutation in Luke 1: 28, 42

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1: 18-23

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. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 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. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

THE NICENE CREED

SERMON *given by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion and a collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus

(NEH 188 t. ii)

INTERCESSION, CONFESSION

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS *and* PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

GIVING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

O salutaris hostia,
quæ cæli pandis hostium:
bella premunt hostilia,
da robur fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria. Amen.

*O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below;
our foes press hard on every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow*

*All praise and thanks to thee
ascend for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with thee. Amen*

*Words: from VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS
St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)*

Music: Fernand Laloux (1901-70)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN

Virgin born, we bow before thee

(NEH 187)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

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