



40th Anniversary of the Foundation  
of the Sisters of the Incarnation

## Evensong

for the Festival of the Annunciation

on Sunday March 20th 2022,

at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church

Officiant: The Rev'd Sr Juliana SI

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Reader: Peter Burdon

Pianist: Jen Dickenson

Singers: The Rev'd Sister Juliana SI

Anne Massey

Jen Dickenson

The Rev'd Martin Bleby

## Opening Hymn

1. God, we praise you, God, we bless you.  
God, we name you sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your church adored:  
all creation shows your glory,  
heaven and earth draw near your throne,  
singing, 'Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone.
2. True apostles, faithful prophets,  
saints who set their world ablaze,  
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
join one growing song of praise,  
while your church on earth confesses  
one majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, the Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.
3. Jesus Christ, the king of glory,  
everlasting Son of God,  
humble was your virgin mother,  
hard the lonely path you trod:  
by your cross is sin defeated,  
hell confronted face to face,  
heaven opened to believers,  
sinners justified by grace.
4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
you will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants  
for whose freedom you have paid:  
raise us up from dust to glory,  
guard us from all sin today;  
King enthroned above all praises,  
save your people, God we pray.

Christopher Idle b.1938  
from Te Deum  
Tune: Blauenwern

## Sentence

Gabriel, sent by God, spoke to a virgin, filled with grace.  
Don't be afraid, the Lord loves you. The Holy Spirit will give you a Son.  
He will be great, Son of God. He will be Holy, from on high.  
Bless'd is He, Bless'd are you. You shall bear the Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
"I am the Lord's," Mary said, "Let it be done, as you foretold."  
Praise to the Lord, Father and Son, Holy Spirit, three in one.

*The Officiant says:*

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them from God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought always to admit our sins before God, and especially when we come together to give thanks for the good things we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

Therefore, let us draw a near to the throne of our gracious God, as we pray:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done,  
and we have done what we ought not to have done.  
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who penitent,  
according to your promises declared  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live godly, righteous and sober lives  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has no pleasure in the death of sinners but would rather they should turn from their wickedness and live.

He has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people who repent the forgiveness of sins.

God pardons all who are truly repent and believe his holy gospel.

And so, we asked him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

- V. Open our lips, O Lord;  
R. **and we shall declare your praise.**  
V. O God, make speed to save us.  
R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
V. Glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
R. **as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**  
V. Let us praise the Lord.  
R. **The Lord's name be praised.**

### **Psalm 40.6–13**

- 6 O Lord my God,  
great are the wonderful things which you have done,  
and your thoughts which are towards us:  
there is none to be compared with you;
- 7 Were I to declare them and speak of them:  
they are more than I am able to express.
- 8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:  
but my ears you have marked for obedience;
- 9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required;  
then said I, Lo, I come.
- 10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me,  
that I should do your will:  
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.
- 11 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation:  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,  
and that you know.
- 12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.
- 13 I have not kept your loving kindness and your truth:  
from the great congregation.

## First Reading: Isaiah 7.10–14

### Office Hymn

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
  
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
  
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
  
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.
  
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
  
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

Tune: Servant Song  
Words & Music: Richard Gallard b.1953  
harm. Betty Pulkingham 1928-2019

## Magnificat

1. My soul proclaims the | greatness • of the | Lord:  
my spirit re|joices • in | God my | saviour;
  2. Who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant:  
from this day all gener|ations • will | call me | blessed.
  - † 3. The Almighty has done | great things | for me:  
and | holy | is his | name.
  4. God has mercy on | those who | fear him:  
from gener|ation • to | gene|ration.
  5. The Lord has shown | strength • with his | arm:  
and scattered the | proud in | their con|ceit,
  6. Casting down the mighty | from their | thrones:  
and | lifting | up the | lowly.
  7. God has filled the hungry with | good | things:  
and | sent the | rich a•way | empty.
  8. He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel:  
to re|member • the | promise • of | mercy,
  9. The promise | made • to our | forebears:  
to Abraham | and his | children • for | ever.
- Glo|ry to | God: Father | Son and | Holy | Spirit;  
as in the be|ginning, • so | now: and for | ever. | A—|men.

## The Second Reading: Luke 1.26–38

### Nunc Dimittis

1. Now Lord you let your servant | go in | peace:  
your | word has | been ful|filled.
  2. My own eyes have | seen the • sal|vation:  
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people:
  3. A light to re|veal you • to the | nations:  
and the | glory • of your | people | Israel.
- Glo|ry to | God: Father | Son and | Holy | Spirit;  
as in the be|ginning, • so | now: and for | ever. | A—|men.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
And life everlasting. Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy on us.

**Christ have mercy on us.**

Lord have mercy on us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed by 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;  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**



- V. Lord, show us your mercy,  
R. **and grant us your salvation;**
- V. Keep our nation under your care,  
R. **and guide us in justice and truth.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness,  
R. **and make your chosen people joyful.**
- V. Lord, save your people,  
R. **and bless your inheritance.**
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
R. **for you are our help and strength.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
R. **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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 your cross and passion we may be brought  
to the glory of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Peace**

O God, the author and lover of peace,  
in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
defend your servants in all assaults of our enemies,  
that, surely trusting in your defence,  
we may not fear the power of any adversaries,  
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Third Collect at Evening Prayer**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:  
and in your great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Anthem**

### **Jesus Christ the Apple Tree**

Music Elizabeth Poston 1905-87

Sr Juliana, Jen Dickenson, Anne Masse, Martin Bleby

## **The Prayers**

### **The Grace**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

Words & Music, Daniel Schutte b.1947

## **The Sermon**

**The Ven. Sam Goodes**

## **Hymn**

1. The day thou gavest, Lord is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify her rest.
2. We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton 1826-1893  
Music: Clement Scholefield 1839-1904

## **The Blessing**

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The Sisters of the Incarnation was founded in 1981 in a time when, on the whole, Religious Life in Australia in the Anglican Church was still very traditional.

The order was founded to give expression to a more contemporary style of consecrated life; to live its life close to the world (not removed from it): and to live in normal suburban housing without the trappings of a convent, wearing distinctive street clothing, not a habit.

The community also aspires to live their religious life close to the Church; working and worshipping so that their life might touch the lives of people within the church.

At the time of the order's foundation, the sisters lived in a unit in Black Forest, worshipped part of the time in St. George's, Goodwood and worked part time in St. Peter's Glenelg. They cared for the elderly and mentally ill, and worked with children.

In 1983, the sisters moved to Elizabeth, where they worked in Holy Cross Parish, in pastoral ministry and music. Sr Patricia, a trained social worker, ministered in the Anglican Mission.

In 1984, Sr Juliana was professed in Bishops court Chapel, with her obedience grounded in the Archbishop because the community was still in formation, and the Rule and Constitution were being formed. In 1988, it was determined that the community had had sufficient stability to move from its formation stage and that he would receive the profession of the Sisters, with obedience grounded in their own community. Accordingly they were professed in St Peter's Cathedral in October 1988.

Sr Juliana was ordained deacon in 1990, and began work, helping in the foundation of the new parish of Golden Grove, and ministering as a chaplain in Aged Care and Modbury Hospital. She was ordained priest in 1992 in the first ordination of women in Australia after the passing of the General Synod Canon authorising the ordination of women in the Anglican Church of Australia.

In 1994 the Sisters moved to Wynn Vale in the Golden Grove housing estate to live in their own house. Sr Patricia continued a ministry of spirituality in the northern suburbs. In 1997 Sr Juliana became the parish priest of Two Wells and Mallala, while continuing hospital chaplaincy. In 1999 she became the Associate Priest in Salisbury and Parafield Gardens.

In 2003, after 20 years of ministry in many parishes and Anglicare, the Sisters left the northern suburbs. They bought a house in Dover Gardens, and Sr Juliana began ministry in the parishes of Plympton and Edwardstown. In 2005 she became the inaugural parish priest of the newly established Cooperating Parishes of Colonel Light Gardens and Edwardstown.

Sr Juliana retired from full time ministry in 2010, and continues her sacramental ministry as Associate Priest at St Mary Magdalene's.