

The Sisters of the Incarnation



*Evensong
for the
Festival of the Annunciation*

Sunday 7 April 2024

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Adelaide

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Jen Dickenson
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Opening Hymn

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are the main melody. The third staff is labeled 'REFRAIN' and contains the lyrics: 'Sweet - est note in Se - raph's song, Sweet - est Name on mor - tal tongue,'. The fourth staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'Sweet - est ca - rol ev - er sung, JE - SUS! JE - SUS! JE - SUS!'.

- 1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**
- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.**
- 3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!**
- 4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King,
Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**
- 5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
that when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**
- 6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy Name
refresh my soul in death!**

Words, John Newton 1725-1807
Holy Name, John H. Stockton 1813-1877

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."

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.**

℣. Open our lips, O Lord;

℟. **and we shall declare your praise.**

℣. O God, make speed to save us.

℟. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

℣. Glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

℟. **as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

℣. Let us praise the Lord.

℟. **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

Heav-en - ly mes - sage, brought by an an - gel Com - ing to
Ma - ry re - plied to Gab - ri - el's mess - age, "I am the
In the be - gin - ning, when God had spo - ken, Through God's own
lift the hopes of the earth; Bring - ing to Ma - ry
ser - vant, maid of the Lord. Let it be done just
Word all things came to be; Now by that Word, em -
hum - ble and low - ly, God's in - vi - ta - tion to give the Christ
as you have spo - ken. My soul re - joic - es in God's sav - ing
bod - ied through Ma - ry, God's glo - ry blaz - es, that our eyes may
birth. word." see. Ma - ry, we hail you, full of God's fav - our;
Bless - ed are you, and bless - ed your son; He will be called the
child of the high - est, Sav - iour of all, - the ho - ly one.

Words, Paul Gibson b.1932

Basque trad., harm. Patrick Wedd 1948-2019

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 gene|rations • will | call me | blessèd.
- † 3 The Almighty has done | great things | for me:
and | holy | is his | name.
- 4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him:
from gene|ration • 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.

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.**

☩. The Lord be with you.

☩. **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.**

☩. Lord, show us your mercy,

☩. **and grant us your salvation;**

☩. Keep our nation under your care,

☩. **and guide us in justice and truth.**

☩. Clothe your ministers with righteousness,

☩. **and make your chosen people joyful.**

☩. Lord, save your people,

☩. **and bless your inheritance.**

☩. Give peace in our time, O Lord,

☩. **for you are our help and strength.**

☩. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

☩. **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 his 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 - Risen Lord

Barry Rose, b.1934

Sr Juliana, Jen Dickenson, Anne Massey, Bill Dickenson

*Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things:
Love, laughter, bread, wine and dreams.
Fill us with green, growing hope.
Risen Lord, make us a people whose song is Alleluia,
Whose sign is peace and whose name is love.
Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things
And to sing Alleluia.*

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. Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
God has given to me,
and the giving is gentle as silence.
2. Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
have been blessed by the strength of God's love.
At the turn of each tide
God is there at my side,
with a touch that is gentle as silence.
3. There've been times when I've turned from your presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on your name
in the dark of my shame
and your mercy was gentle as silence.

Words and Music, Estelle White 1925-2011

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden

Hymn

1. Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain:

3. And when I think that God his son not sparing,
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain.

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain.

Swedish Traditional Melody
Words, Stuart K. Hine, 1949

The Blessing

You are all invited
to High Tea
in the hall next door
served by
members of
St Mary Magdalene's Congregation

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