

THIS WEEK

Today (THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

Monday 15th August

9am Morning Prayer
6.45-9pm Extinction Rebellion Talks in church

Tuesday 16th (St Roch)

9am Morning Prayer
1pm Said Mass

Wednesday 17th (St Hyacinth of Cracow)

9am Morning Prayer
7pm Said Mass

Thursday 18th (Ss Florus and Laurus)

9am Morning Prayer

Friday 19th (St Arnulf of Metz)

Saturday 20th (St Bernard of Clairvaux)

Sunday 21st (THE 10th SUNDAY OF TRINITY)

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass

FURTHER AHEAD

No weekday services in church for the next two weeks.

Wednesday 24 August, 7.30pm, Concert in church – Meursault

Thursday 25 August, 7.30pm, Concert in church – Hatis Noit

Thursday 1 September, First Thursday Art Exhibition in church – Richard Marshall

Saturday 3 September, 12pm, Concert in church – Daylight Music

Friday 9 September, 7.30pm, Concert in church – Lyra Pramuk

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WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 14 AUGUST 2022

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 232, 186, 273, 478

Introductory Sentence

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

The 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 forever.

Amen

First Reading: Revelation 11: 19 – 12: 1-6 & 10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 46-55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

All: Alleluia!

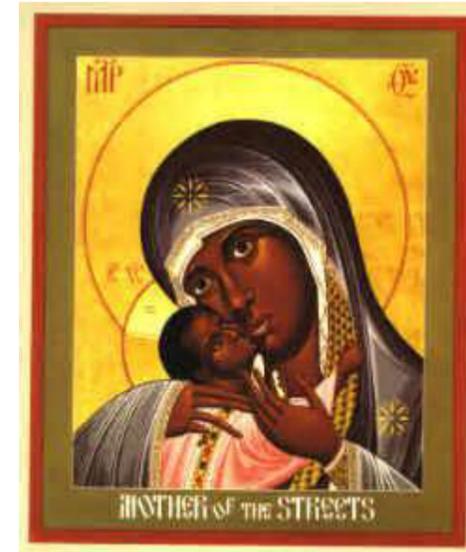
And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who 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."

Post Communion Sentence

All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Post Communion Prayer

God Most High, whose handmaid bore the word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us with your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Woman

Mom

Mary of rattling tea cups and homemade cookies

Mary of open door, open hearth, open heart

Queen of warmth and hospitality

Mary of varicose veins and chapped hands

Strong, fragile woman

Vulnerable, unshakeable woman

Believer in love, reality, people, God

Back stooped and ear bent in listening to life's stories and to the giver of life

Stubborn fidelity to life in the face of death

Unflinching spirit that stares light into the darkness of the tomb

Heart that breaks and pours love over the thirsty earth

Missing her son when he is gone to another home

Looking up in the sudden expectancy of hearing his voice

Smiling wryly to herself and waiting

Waiting, gestating the kingdom once more

Growing in expectancy of second birth - this time her own

The moment of reunion rushes to meet her with open arms

And their laughter rocks the universe

Sending happy shock waves to echo in our dreams

Tugging our reluctant mouths into smiles of hope and anticipation

Amen, it will be so, Amen

from Edward J. Farrell, *Gathering the Fragments*