

St. George's Anglican Church

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The Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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The Annunciation. (1655-1660). Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682). Oil on canvas

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

7:00pm Choral Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr. Nicholas Hatt, *Rector* Preacher: The Rev'd Dianne Parker

Mass setting: Missa super dixit Maria – Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Opening Hymn 807 SING of Mary, pure and lowly

Hermon tone VIII.2

The Introit Psalm 45:10-15



HEARK-EN, O daughter, consider and incline thine $\it ear; /$

forget also thine own people and thy fath-er's house;

So shall the King have pleasure in thy *beau*-ty; / since he is thy lord, *bow* thou down to^him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a *gift:* / even the rich among the people shall en-*treat* thy fa-vour.

The king's daughter within the palace is all *glo*-ri^ous;/her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

She is brought to the king in raiment of *nee*-dle^work: / the virgins that be her fellows bear her company, and are *brought* un-to thee.

With joy and gladness are they led a-long, / as they enter into the king's pal-ace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / And to the Ho-ly^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be, / World with-out end. A-men.

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer & Collect for Purity

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The Summary of the Law

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The Kyrie

sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect pp. 271, 138

Please sit

The Epistle (Isaiah 7:10)

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Please stand

The Gradual Psalm 131

tone I.2



LORD, I AM not high-mind-ed: / I have no proud~ looks~.

I do not exercise myself in great matters, / which are too high~ for^me~.

But I calm my soul and keep it quiet, like a weaned child with his *mo*-ther: / yea, my soul is even *as* a weaned~ child~.

O Israel trust in the Lord, / from this time forth for e~ver^more~.

The Holy Gospel (St Luke 1:26)

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The Nicene Creed

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The Sermon

The Rev'd Dianne Parker

We welcome as our guest preacher this evening The Rev'd Dianne Parker. She is a retired priest who has served for over 54 years in lay and ordained ministry within our diocese. Presently, she is an honourary assistant at St Mark's Church in Halifax and chaplain to the Halifax L'Arche Community, in addition to volunteering with Ward 5 Neighbourhood Centre, among other community groups.

Offertory Hymn 192 THE GOD whom earth, and sea, and sky *After the biddings, please kneel*

Walton

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession

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The Confession

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The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus and Benedictus

sung by the choir

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

 $Benedictus\ qui\ venit\ in\ nomine\ Domini.$

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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sung by the choir

The Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (bis).

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

have mercy upon us. (repeat).
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. At the 10:30 am service, please remain in your pew until the greeter or sidesperson has indicated that it is time to go forward.

Communion Hymn (see insert) O GLORIOUS maid!

Puer Nobis Nascitur

ave gratia plena dominus tecum benedicta tu in mulieribus	Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.
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The Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 85
The Gloria in Excelsis	p. 86
The Blessing	p. 86
Closing Hymn 191 PRAISE we the Lord this day St. Ethe	

Gabriel Angelus – Luca Marenzio (1553-1599)

The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary saying:

Voluntary Magnificat Primi Toni, BuxWV 203 – Dieterich Buxtehude

The Annunciation of Our Lady

Gabriel angelus locutus est Mariae dicens:

Communion Motet

This festival bespeaks a double motion: the descent of the Word, and the rising up of earth in fruitfulness. And St. Mary is, as it were, the fulcrum of that double motion. The rain of grace descends: "Hail, thou that are highly favoured; Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." And earth rises in response: "Be it unto me according to thy word". All is the work of grace *-sola gratia -* yet grace presupposes nature, which it heals and elevates and transfigures. As St. Thomas puts it, "Grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it."

Mary's place in this is unique. As Romano Guardini remarks:

No one is like her, because what happened to her happened to no other human being. Here lies the authentic root of all exaggeration about her. If people cannot be extravagant enough in their praises of Mary, and even say reckless and foolish things, they are still right in one respect; even though the means are faulty, they seek to express a fact the tremendous depth of which must overwhelm everyone who realizes it.

The role of Mary is, indeed, unique, and we celebrate her uniqueness with thanksgiving: "Blessed art thou among women". Yet there is also there a paradigm which includes us all. "When I heard the voice of thy salvation", says Elizabeth, "the babe leaped in my womb." The Incarnation of the Word - that mighty downpour from the heavens - is to open up the furrows of all our minds and hearts, that the word of God might be fruitful in us, that the eternal Son of God might take shape in us. "I live", says St. Paul, "yet not I, but Christ in me."

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Robert Crouse