

# **The Community of St Stephen Walbrook**



## **Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Annunciation**

**Recorded on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Celebrant and preacher:** Revd Stephen Baxter, Priest-in-Charge

**Music:** The Choral Scholars, directed by Gabriella Noble

**Mass setting:** O Magnum Mysterium, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

*Cover image: Annunciation by Andy Warhol (1984) – Study of Leonardo da Vinci’s 1472 work and part of a series of screen prints entitled “Details of Renaissance Paintings”.*

## ***Holy Week and Easter at St Stephen Walbrook***

### ***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March***

*Video of Choral Classics for Palm Sunday available for viewing.*

### ***Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March***

*Videos of Organ Recital for Passiontide and Easter by Ben Giddens available for viewing.*

### ***Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March***

*Video of the High Sheriff of Greater London's Legal Service recorded at St Stephen Walbrook available for viewing*

### ***Wednesday 31st March***

*9am - Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer by conference call.  
All welcome to dial in: Free dial-in on 0330 9981 320 - access code: 464351#*

*Video of Meditation for Good Friday with readings, music and a reflection by Ven. Peter Delaney on the Crucifixion by Eugène Delacroix available for viewing.*

### ***Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday***

*12.45pm – Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar - **Live service***

*7.30pm – 8.30pm – Signs of Life – an exploration of John's Gospel on Thursdays in Lent – community bible study by zoom closing with Compline  
All welcome to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7739658327>.*

*Video of Sung Eucharist available for viewing*

### ***Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April***

*6pm – Easter Vigil with Easter Fire and renewal of Baptismal Vows - Preacher: Venerable Peter Delaney – **Live service***

### ***Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April***

*Video of Easter Vigil available for viewing*

***Morning Prayer and Night Prayer are available every day through the London Internet Church section of the church's website:***

***<https://ststephenwalbrook.net/internet-church/>***

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***Introit: Ave Maria, Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)***

***The Welcome***

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

***The choir sings the Kyrie***

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

**The Ministry of the Word**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit**

Let us pray

***The Collect***

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known  
the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross  
and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Amen

***Epistle: Hebrews 10:4-10***

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.  
Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38***

The holy Gospel is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning at the 26<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the gospel of the Lord  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

***Address***

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

### ***Offertory hymn***

For Mary, Mother of our Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

Brave, holy Virgin, she believe,  
though hard the task assigned,  
and by the Holy Ghost conceived  
the Saviour of mankind.

She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
she knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

*John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)*  
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### ***Intercessions with lighting of candle to commemorate the victims of Covid-19***

#### ***Invitation to Confession***

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

### ***The Confession***

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath  
and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ***The Absolution***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that  
with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ***The Comfortable Words***

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*(St. Matt. xi. 28)*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*(St. John iii. 16)*

### ***The Prayer of Humble Access***

**We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Sacrament**

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

**It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and singing:

***The choir sings the Sanctus***

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***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, which art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

***The distribution of Holy Communion***

***The choir sings the Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

***Prayer after Communion***

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

***The Blessing***

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and all those whom you love, today and always. **Amen.**

***Anthem: God so loved the world, John Stainer (1840-1901)***



*The Annunciation by Tintoretto (c.1583-87)*