



The BIRTH of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6th September 2020

Welcome to St Mary's. Today is our patronal festival as we are celebrating the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the feast of which falls on 8 September).

Our president and preacher is Fr Andrew and our organist is Philip Bailey.

If you are attending the service in person, please wait for directions to go up for communion. We will be receiving communion in one kind only.

To join us online, go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

This service will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Isaiah 61, verses 10,11)

Reader: Jason Mannix

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45, verses 10–17

Refrain

**Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear;
forget your own people and your father's house.

So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your lord, so do him honour.

The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts;
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

The king's daughter is all glorious within;
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.

She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her companions.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought
and enter into the palace of the king.

'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons,
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations;
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

**Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

THE EPISTLE (Galatians 4, verses 4–17)

Reader: Adina Michael-Titus

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.

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Luke 1, verses 46–55)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

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 for ever.’

This is the Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The **HOMILY**, by Fr Andrew

The **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**,

led by Sarah Van den driessche

The **LITURGY of the SACRAMENT**

GENEROUS GIVING

We are grateful for people's additional support during these difficult months when our income has fallen significantly. Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to our survival. If you are able to help St Mary's during this time of crisis, donations can be made direct to our bank account:

St Marys Church Kemp Town – Sort Code: 20-12-75 Acct: 50672734

Or via our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/stmarys-brighton>

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Please be cautious in attending church services. Please sign in on arrival, use the hand sanitiser, wear a mask, and observe social distancing.

We regret that we are currently unable to serve tea and coffee after the services.

MONDAY, 8 am – 1pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10 am.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer (CW).

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10am.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with The Revd Canon Neil Milmine.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

WEDNESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

THURSDAY, 7.30 pm: Actually Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (CW).

FRIDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10am.

SATURDAY: Church closed

SATURDAY 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: Said Eucharist.

*Enquiries about baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, **Fr Andrew Woodward**, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.*

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