

Lord's Prayer – p.11 of hymn book

AGNUS DEI: John Allen Assumption setting (kneel afterwards)

*Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant and/or would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail holding a hymn book.*

(Sit or kneel): Hymn during Ablutions: **4** (special hymn book)

(Stand): Post Communion Prayer

**Processional Hymns: 6 & 7** (special hymn book) through north porch, along road to gate after tower and back through south porch (Holy Cross chapel)

Kneel: Benediction – **Hymns 373 & 375** (Celebration Hymnal)

(Stand at end as the priests and servers leave the altar to sing:)

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in Excelsis** (three times)

### Notices

Welcome to all our visitors, to our preacher – Fr Edward and the other concelebrants.

After Mass please go out of the North porch or Tower and along the road to the footpath through middle of South churchyard to watch the fireworks – **NOT through the Holy Cross Chapel.** (Safety & insurance issues). Thank you very much to John Arnold for your generosity in giving, setting out and displaying the fireworks. There is no charge, but donations are welcome for church funds. Afterwards, **WHEN JOHN HAS GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR** – return to the south churchyard by the church, where there are **hot dogs** and drinks available (**beer, wine and soft drinks**) and you can also buy our limited edition beer to take home.

We do not take collections; if you would like to make an offering, please do so in the red tin or by card at the card reader near the door.

If you have **pre-ordered beer**, please collect it at the **far end of the bar in the beer tent** where it has been reserved for you.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help today and beforehand.

**Clearing up:** We will be taking down the tent and bunting on Sunday after Mass. Please stay to help if you are able.

16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### **PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM**

Festal Mass of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 7.00 pm

**THEME:** Mary, the pattern and model of the Church was taken up into heaven to share God's glory. We who are left as the Pilgrim Church today celebrate her feast as we look forward with hope to that day of our own Assumption – when we will share in the resurrection of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn: **3 v 1 – 3** (special hymn book)

#### PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not expressing Christ in our parish, place of work and our homes. Lord have mercy **People (sing) Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord for not rejoicing enough in God our Saviour. Christ have mercy **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us for not seeing the relevance of Mary's assumption in our lives. Lord have mercy **People: Kyrie Eleison**

**Gloria** - John Allen Assumption setting – words on sheet

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray that we will join Mary, the mother of the Lord, in the glory of heaven. All powerful and ever living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of Heaven. May we see Heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory.*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

**Sit:** First Reading – Revelation 11v 19; 12v 1-6, 10 This powerful vision spanning heaven and earth promises that God will not let evil triumph over his people. God opposes the power of evil with a woman and her son. We can see in it an image of the victory over death Mary which has been given in her Assumption.

*The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.*

*Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.*

*Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 44

® **On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the Queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, o daughter, give ear to my words,  
Forget your own people and your father's house. ®

So will the king desire your beauty, He is your Lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy,  
they pass within the palace of the king. ®

Second Reading – I Corinthians 15v 20-26 Christ is the first to rise from the dead and through Him each one of us will also be raised to life.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Stand: Gospel Hymn: **3 v 4** (special hymn book)

**Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into Heaven, all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Luke 1 v 39-56 We hear two hymns in our Gospel today: Elizabeth praises Mary as the Mother of the Lord, and Mary praises God for the wonders of salvation.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy –

according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Sit: **Address:** Fr Edward Gunn, Shrine Priest at Walsingham

Stand: **NICENE CREED** - p.7 of Hymn Book

Remain Standing: PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Mary's Assumption is her resurrection with Christ. Seeing God's love so effective in her, we know that we can ask him to give us what we need.

**Reader:** We pray that the whole Church will mirror the faithfulness of Mary, saying with her: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word. Lord Hear us. **All: Lord Graciously hear us.**

We pray that in the search for Christian unity, our Lady will not be a stumbling block, but a sign of hope. We pray especially the Shrine at Walsingham and our Cell of the Assumption.

We pray for our Parish Church – for those who use it to pray, visit and rest.

Let us pray for ourselves, may we never make peace with evil and destructive forces which would destroy our world and our lives.

Let us pray for the sick and housebound and those who care for them.

We pray for the bereaved, for those who are terminally ill and for all whose work brings them close to the mystery of death.

Let us pray for those who are afraid of death, may the power of Christ's victory as revealed in the Assumption of Mary bring them hope.

Father, you exalted the Virgin Mary, crowned her Queen of Heaven. May the dead enter your Kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever. We pray for all departed benefactors, members of our congregation and departed members of our Walsingham cell, especially Margot Fletcher, Pip Godfree, Sally Sanderson, George and Pauline Potter, Bridget Goodall, Terry Spalding and Anne Herron.

We pray with Mary whose feast we celebrate, - **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death**

SILENCE

**All: All merciful God, hear our prayers. The Blessed Virgin Mary is your gift to your church and a model of faithful love. May we always follow her example of faithful commitment. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: **1 v 1** (special hymn book) **Offertory Prayers** Hymn **1 v 2 and 3**

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS & Mystery of Faith** *John Allen Assumption setting*  
Kneel after for Eucharistic Prayer

After Eucharistic Prayer (stand) ~ **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.**

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