

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[to be read alongside the talk at 10.30 on Sunday]

There is a counterpart to Mary's continual "yes" to God and God's plan, another side of the coin: Mary's "no" to injustice and to the state of things with which there can be no compromise. This is Mary's "no" to the sin of alienation, to what is not done when others are being victimized and are suffering. Mary, figure of the faithful people, servant of the Lord, is also the prophetic woman bearing in herself God's words and the aspirations of the people, and in her speech and life she denounces sin and announces the covenant. Mary's solidarity with God's saving plan and with the people's aspiration for liberation are in accordance with her firm opposition to injustice that oppresses and kills.

Ivone Gebara & Maria Clara Bingemer, *Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Poor*

Fr David

Codes for the Zoom worship at 10.30

These are codes for Sundays from 9th August to the end of September:

Meeting ID: 831 9054 0514

Passcode: 090608

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NEXT SUNDAY 23.08.20 11th after Trinity

SERVICES 10.30 by Zoom & 12 noon Mass in Church



READINGS

OT Isaiah 51:1-6
NT Romans 12:1-8
GOSPEL Matt 16:13-20

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St Thomas, Exeter

Sunday 16th August 2020

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We are continuing to meet each week at 10:30 for **Sunday worship by Zoom**. There are new codes from last week, so please see the middle column here.

Eliza will be celebrating the Eucharist for the last time as Associate Priest at St Thomas on 23rd August at 12 noon, with a short 'word', before she moves to Taunton School to be Chaplain. Please contact Ian if you would like to contribute towards a gift. We hope she will be here from time to time in the future as well, to tell us what life is like in the north.

Our regular **noon Mass** in St Thomas's church will be continuing weekly through the summer (at least). If you would like a service sheet, please bring the one from a last week and this pewsheet for readings and prayers. We have a small stock of face coverings available at St Thomas, as they are now **compulsory** in places of worship. For those leading the service, masks remain optional.

Fr David



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 for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 61.10–11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of sal-
vation,
he has covered me with the robe of right-
eousness,
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.

Galatians 4.4–7

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.

Luke 1.46–55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the low-
liness 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 an-
cestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post-Communion Prayer

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our re-
demption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by 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

NOTICES

Knit & Natter A reminder that this group is meet-
ing on Thursdays 10.30—1 in the Pleasure
Ground. Please ring Jenny Tuckett on 01392
498725 for more details.

Thank you to everyone who is busy knitting,
painting and making for the **Creative Challenge**.
We are hoping to collect items during September
to create a display of all our Lockdown
achievements.

QUIZ ANSWERS

A Vicar once made a remark about the hidden books of
the Bible (merely by fluke): it kept people looking so
hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation;
some were in a jam, especially since the names of the
books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally
struck home to the numbers of readers. To others it
was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few
moments for you. Yes, there will be some really diffi-
cult ones to spot. Others will require judges to help
them. We will quickly admit it usually takes a minister
to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations
when it is found. A little old lady says she brews a cup
of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you
can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen
names of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. ...

Mark; Luke; Kings; Acts; Revelations; James; Ruth;
Numbers; Job; Amos; Esther; Judges; Titus; Lamenta-
tions; Hebrews; and Peter. [No distinctions for Kings or
Peter]

Those with all 16 contact Mary 213749 (just leave a
message). Small prize to the winner. More than 1 per-
son, name to be drawn from a hat.