

**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton
for Thursday 25 March 2021
The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
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 7.10-14

Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah* said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman* is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.*

Hebrews 10.4-10

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Consequently, when Christ* came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ 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).'

⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will* that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.26-38*The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'^{*} ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'^{*} ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'^{*} ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.'^{*} ³⁸Then 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.