

# The Assumption of Our Lady

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## OPENING HYMN

A sign is seen in heaven,  
A Maiden-Mother fair;  
Her mantle is the sunlight,  
And stars adorn her hair.  
The maiden's name is Mary;  
In love she brings to birth  
The Lord of all the ages,  
The King of all the earth.

Like moonlight on the hilltops  
She shines on all below.  
Like sunlight on the mountains  
Her child outshines the snow.  
O Mary, Queen of mothers,  
Still smile on young and old;  
Bless hearth and home and harvest,  
Bless farm and field and fold.

Pray, Mother, Queen in glory,  
Before the Father's throne;  
Praise God's eternal Wisdom,  
The Child who is your own;  
Rejoice in God the Spirit,  
Whose power let you conceive  
The Child of Eden's promise,  
O new and sinless Eve.

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FIRST READING: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

*A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.*

PSALM RESPONSE: **On Your right stands the Queen, in garments of gold.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

*Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to Him.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

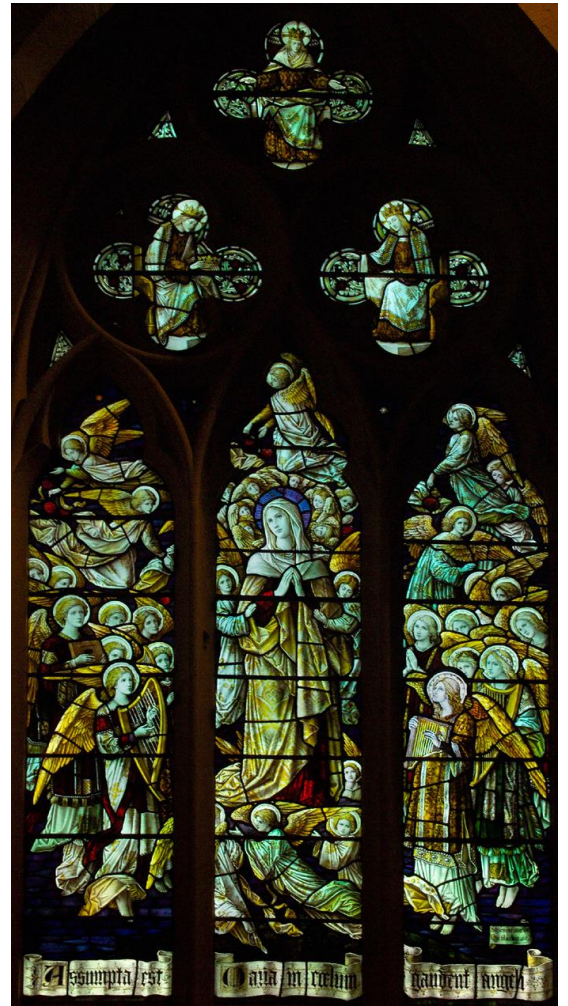
Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

*He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became**



Assumption Window, Lancaster Cathedral

**man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Those who are unable to attend Mass, and those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, are invited to pray this prayer of spiritual communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia, His the triumph, His the victory alone:  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia, here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary, earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne;  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic Feast.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the ocean star, guide of the wanderer here below;  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care: save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea, pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless Maid, we sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that He has paid the price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea, pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears, to thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears, and soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea, pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above: in Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love, homage we pay on bended knee;  
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea, pray for thy children, pray for me.