

14th August 2021

Dear all,

Just a very quick note again this time. I have had a very relaxing few days in my 'staycation', including a couple of days in London, to see the Becket exhibition. More of that in a later letter...

Here is the information for tomorrow's service. It is the major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the feast of the Assumption.

The hymns will be 'Sing we of the Blessed Mother' and 'Tell out my soul', the latter of which is a version of the Magnificat, by Timothy Dudley-Smith.

The readings for the service are Isaiah 61:10-end, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 1:46-55. The Psalm is Psalm 45: 10-end.

Anglican chant: [Psalm 45 "My Heart Is Inditing of a Good Matter" - YouTube](#) (Rochester Cathedral is where I was confirmed).

[Sons of Korah Psalm 45 - YouTube](#)

There are so many possible anthems. Here are a few:

[Tavener: Mother Of God, Here I Stand - YouTube](#)

[Rachmaninov - "Bogoroditse Devo" All-Night Vigil \(Oktavist, Yuri Vishnyakov\) - YouTube](#) (Listen for the final bass note – sung by an octavist!)

[Grieg: Ave Maris Stella - YouTube](#)

[Jessye Norman - Ave Maria \(Schubert\) - YouTube](#)

And a rather unexpected version of the Bach/Gounod version by the amazing Bobby McFerrin [Bobby McFerrin - Ave Maria - YouTube](#)

Don't forget to get involved in the *Resourcing Sustainable Church* conversation – have a chat with me about it if you would like more information, and, above all, please pray as we work through the process.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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