

St Bartholomew's Norbury

Parish Mission

Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April 2019



Friday 12th April 2019

Closing Session

Our Lady and Discipleship

Good evening.

We have now come to the last night of our Mission.

Our opening hymn is "Hail Queen of heaven"

- Number 356 in our hymnbook.

Please stand.

Tonight we are reflecting on discipleship. What it means to be a disciple of the Lord. We only need to look at Our Lady to realise that even before she became the Mother of Jesus she was already his disciple. St Augustine said: "What a wonderful thing to be the mother of God but what a better thing to be his disciple." Mary was both. She was always constantly pondering what it was that God wanted her to do. When the angel came to visit her and told her that God wanted her to be the mother of his son, Mary pondered on this. She questioned the angel as to how this would be possible as she was a virgin. When the angel told her that it would be by the power of the Holy Spirit, she realised that this is what God wanted, and Mary said "Let it be done unto me according to thy word."

To be a disciple means to be willing to always do what God is asking of us even when it is very hard. Mary is not only an example of discipleship but one to whom we can turn when we find difficulties in our life.

Let us say together our Mission Prayer:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now listen to the word of God.

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
(Luke 8: 19-21)**

His mother and his brothers came looking for him, but they could not get to him because of the crowd.

He was told “your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to see you”.

But he said in answer “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please take this booklet home with you.