**Palfrey Church**

**Notes on the services 7th to 28th August 2022**

**Sunday 7th August**  Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

**Liturgy**

Antiphons are for the Feast

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 7

**You abolished death by your Cross,**

**You opened Paradise to the thief,**

**You transformed the Myrrhbearers’ lament,**

**And ordered your Apostles to proclaim**

**That you had risen, O Christ God,**

**Granting the world your great mercy.**

**Feast** Tone 7

**You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,**

**Showing your disciples your glory as far as they could bear it.**

**At the prayers of the Mother of God,**

**Make you everlasting light**

**Shine also on us sinners.**

**Giver of light, glory to you!**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion Feast** Tone 7

**You were transfigured on the mountain,**

**And your disciples beheld your glory, O Christ God,**

**As far as they were able;**

**That when they saw you crucified,**

**They might know that your suffering was voluntary,**

**And might proclaim to the world**

**That you are truly the brightness of the Father.**

**Sunday 14th August** Forefeast of the Dormition

**Liturgy**

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 8

**You the Compassionate one came down from above,**

**You accepted burial for three days,**

**That you might free us from the passions.**

**Our life and resurrection, Lord, glory to you!**

**Forefeast** Tone 4

**Spring forward, O people, together withclapping of hands.**

**Receiving with faith the glad tidings, rejoice today,**

**Then eagerly shout with joy.**

**Let all make merry, for God’s mother**

**Will rise to the heavens from the earth,**

**Ascending in glory.**

**Let us ever sing her praise and glorify her as the Theotokos.**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion Forefeast** Tone 4 (Today you have appeared)

**At your glorious memory, all of creation,**

**In the mind’s eye beautified by the immaterial Spirit,**

**In greatest joy shouts aloud to you,**

**We hail you, O Virgin, boast of Christians.**

**Sunday 21st August** Afterfeast of the Dormition

**Liturgy**

Antiphons are of the Feast

**Apolytikia Resurrection** Tone 1

**When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,**

**And while soldiers were guarding your most pure body,**

**You rose, O Saviour, on the third day, giving life to the world.**

**Therefore the heavenly Powers cried out to you, Giver of Life:**

**Glory to your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to your kingdom!**

**Glory to your dispensation, only Lover of mankind!**

**Feast** Tone 1

**In giving birth you retained your virginity;**

**In falling asleep you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God.**

**You passed over into life,**

**For you are the Mother of Life:**

**And by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion Feast** Tone 2

**Nor tomb nor death overpowered the Mother of God,**

**Unsleeping in her prayers,**

**Unfailing hope in intercession:**

**For as Mother of Life she has been taken over into life**

**By him who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.**

**Sunday 28th August**

**Liturgy**

**Resurrection** Tone 2

**When you went down to death, O immortal life,**

**Then you slew Hell with the lightning flash of your Godhead:**

**But when from the depths below the earth you raised the dead,**

**All the Powers in the heavens cried out:**

**Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you!**

**Church** Tone 4

**Your nativity, O Mother of God,**

**Has made known joy to the whole inhabited world,**

**For from you there dawned the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God.**

**He abolished the curse and gave the blessing;**

**And by making death of no effect, he bestowed on us eternal life.**

**Kontakion Nativity of the Theotokos** Tone 4

(September 8th)

**Joachim and Anne were set free from the reproach of childlessness,**

**And Adam and Eve from the corruption of death,**

**By your holy nativity, O most pure one.**

**Delivered from the guilt of offences,**

**Your people also celebrate the feast as they cry to you:**

**The barren woman bears the Mother of God, the sustainer of our lives.**