

All Saints' Margaret Street

Evensong & Benediction

The Third Sunday of Easter

14th April, 2024, 6pm

All sing REGINA CÆLI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast given joy unto the world: grant we beseech thee that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EVENSONG, according to the 1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

All sing THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALMODY 142 (*Prayer Book, p. 305*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 7.7-13

OFFICE HYMN

The Lamb's high banquet we await



The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. **Amen.**

MAGNIFICAT is sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

(The Canticles are sung to the Second Service – William Byrd, 1540-1623)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 2.1-11

NUNC DIMITTIS is sung by the choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;**

The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

All sing **THE RESPONSES & COLLECTS**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The choir sings **THE ANTHEM**
Haec dies – Matthew Martin, b. 1976

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea,
alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:
let us be glad and rejoice therein. Alleluia.*

(Psalm 118.24)

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA *is sung by the choir*

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

(Setting: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750)

**Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus
Christ upon His Throne of Glory and in the
most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

[Three times]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to Christ, our life and our
resurrection.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

We pray for your Catholic Church:
may she reveal among the nations your
kingdom of justice and holiness.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

We pray for the sick, the sorrowful, captives
and exiles:

show them your power and compassion.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

We pray for those who have lost you in the
maze of life:

let them know once more the joy of coming
home.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

Crucified and risen Saviour, you will come
again in judgement:

be merciful to us sinners.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

We pray for all the living,
and for those who have left this world in the
hope of the resurrection.

Son of the living God, protect your people.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at
hand and the day is past; be our companion
in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken
hope, that we may know you as you are
revealed in scripture and the breaking of
bread. **Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Have mercy on us. [*Three times*]

TANTUM ERGO *is sung by the choir*

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from both with both is One.
Amen.

(Setting: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750)

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Containing within itself all sweetness.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who in a wonderful
sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy
Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to
venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and
Blood, that we may evermore perceive within
ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who
livest and reignest with the Father and the
Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

*The Celebrant blesses the people with the Blessed
Sacrament.*

All repeat the Divine Praises after the Celebrant:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

**Blessed be Jesus Christ,
true God and true Man.**

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

**Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar.**

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

**Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy.**

**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception.**

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

**Blessed be the name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be Saint Joseph,
her spouse most chaste.**

**Blessed be God in his angels and
in his saints.**

*While the Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the
tabernacle, all sing Psalm 117:*

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy
Sacrament.**

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen : **praise him,
all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is
ever more and more towards us: and the truth
of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the
Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to
the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be : world without end.**
Amen.

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy
Sacrament.**

VOLUNTARY La Volta *from* Five Organ
Dances – John Gardner, 1933-1982



