

# All Saints' Margaret Street

## High Mass

The Third Sunday of Easter 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, 11am

*The Mass is sung today to the Missa Brevis –  
G. P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594*

*The choir sings THE INTROIT  
Iubilate Deo, omnis terra*

### THE INTRODUCTION & GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

### ASPERGES

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Mass by reminding ourselves of the new life we received through the waters of baptism, and Christ's triumph over death and sin.

God our Father, thy gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of thy life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with thy saving health, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled whilst the choir sings  
VIDI AQUAM*

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya, Alleluya. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and

strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *is sung by the choir:*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT

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.**

### THE FIRST READING Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has

glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 4** *is sung by the choir*

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say : Who will show us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart : yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

**THE SECOND READING** 1 John 3.1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things: and so to have entered into his glory?

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24.36-48

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed

them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Fr. Alan Rimmer, Assistant Priest

*THE CREED is sung by the choir*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response is:*

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayer concludes:* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And with thy spirit. Alleluia!**

## THE OFFERTORY

*The choir sings THE MOTET* If ye be risen again – Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

*(Colossians 3:1-4, King James Bible)*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

We pray thee, O Lord, that this holy oblation may ever obtain for us thy heavenly blessing: that those things which we show forth in an outward mystery may effectually be accomplished in our inward souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*The preface continues.*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *are sung by the choir*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*AGNUS DEI is sung by the choir*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The choir sings THE COMMUNION CHANT*  
Cognoverunt discipuli

*Holy Communion is distributed at two stations: at the High Altar; and the Lady Altar, which involves no steps, and where gluten-free hosts are available.*

*All sing THE COMMUNION HYMN*  
286 From Glory to Glory

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O living God, whose Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*To which all respond: Amen.*

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All sing THE FINAL HYMN*  
121 This joyful Eastertide

*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.  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, 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.**

**VOLUNTARY** Offertoire, *from Messe pour les Paroisses – François Couperin, 1688-1733*



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