All Saints' Margaret Street High Mass

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 21st April, 2024, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Missa Brevis – Grayston Ives, b. 1948

The choir sings **THE INTROIT**Misericordia Domini

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned

today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 is sung by the choir

1 The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth

and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do pleases him. And this commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd: and I know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10.11-18

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

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one

shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Julian Browning, Assistant Priest

All sing THE CREED

The text may be found on p. 562 of the hymnal

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** Surrexit pastor bonus – Jean l'Héritier, 1480-after 1551

Surrexit pastor bonus qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia,

et enim pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.

Alleluia.

Et stetit in medio discipulorum suorum et dixit: pax vobis.

Gavisi sunt discipuli viso Domino, alleluia.

The good shepherd has arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and for his flock deigned to die, alleluia,

And for our Passover was sacrificed for us: Christ. Alleluia.

And stood in the midst of his disciples and said: Peace be with you.

The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

(*John 10:11; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8*)

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.

O Lord, we pray thee, that from these mysteries we may obtain such succour of thy grace: that refraining ourselves from the desire of all things earthly, we may learn to love all such things as are heavenly; 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, 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 shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The choir sings **THE COMMUNION CHANT**Surrexit Pastor bonus

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 282 Faithful Shepherd

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O merciful Father, who gavest thy Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us ever under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
113 Love's Redeeming Work

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 "and thanksgiving may follow" *from* Rubrics – Dan Locklair, b. 1949



