

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *Sunday 23rd March, 2025, 6pm*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

THE Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his ☩ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 § *All sit.*

Psalms 12 and 13, *Prayer Book p.153*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28.10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And

the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How terrible is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

OFFICE HYMN § *All stand.*



O kind Creator, bend thine ear
To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before thy throne of mercy spent
In this thy holy fast of Lent.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
 Thou knowest our infirmity;
 Pour out on all who seek thy face
 Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
And for the honour of thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give us the self-control that springs
 From discipline of outward things,
 That fasting inward secretly
 The soul may purely dwell with thee.

We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.
Amen.

MAGNIFICAT *Prayer book p.19*

Short Service

Richard Farrant, 1530-1580

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON § *All sit.*
 John 1.35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock

in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

NUNC DIMITTIS *Prayer book p.20*

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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSES & COLLECTS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

§ *All kneel.*

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.**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *The Second and Third Collects are found on p.22 of the Prayer Book.*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Versa est in luctum cithara mea
et organum meum in vocem flentium.
Parce mihi, Domine, nihil enim sunt
dies mei.

*My harp is turned to mourning
and my organ into the voice of those that weep.*

Spare me, O Lord, for my days are nothing.

Versa est in luctum
Alonso Lobo, 155-1617

§ *All kneel as the bell rings and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar.*

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

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.

French chant

**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

R. Lord, give life to your people.

§ *Silence is kept.*

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

TANTUM ERGO

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.

Plainsong

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

§ *Benediction is given.*

§ *All repeat the Divine Praises:*

**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.**

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.

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

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

Welcome to All Saints', Margaret Street. Please join us in the Parish Bar after the liturgy.