

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SOLEMN HIGH MASS *Sunday 23rd March, 2025, 11am*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

INTROIT Oculi mei semper ad
Dominum

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.

THE ASPERGES

Dear brothers and sisters, let us
prepare our hearts for the celebration
of this Mass by reminding ourselves of
the forgiveness we received through
the waters of baptism, and our need of
God's healing and mercy.

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:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with
hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt

wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow. Have mercy upon me, O God:
after thy great goodness.

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

§ *Sung by the choir. Text with translation
can be found on p.558 of the hymnal.*

Mass for St Mary Magdalen
Cecilia McDowall, b. 1951

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son
went not up to joy but first suffered
pain, and entered not into glory before
he was crucified: mercifully grant that
we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of
life and peace; 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.

§ *All sit.*

FIRST READING

 Isa. 55.1-9

HO, everyone who thirsts, come to the
waters; and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63.1-9

1. O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.
2. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.
4. For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee.
5. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name.
6. My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness: when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
7. Have I not remembered thee in my bed: and thought upon thee when I was waking?
8. Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
9. My soul hangeth upon thee: thy right hand hath upholden me.

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 10.1-13

I DO NOT want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as

some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

§ *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13.1-9

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.

AT that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

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

§ *All sit.*

THE SERMON

Fr Peter Anthony

The Vicar

§ *All stand.*

THE CREED

§ *All sing the Creed. Text begins on p.562 of the hymnal.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.

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

THE PEACE

In Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart thou wilt not despise. Make me to hear of joy and gladness; that the bone which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Cast me not away

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

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.

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee that this oblation may in such wise cleanse us from all our sins; that we thy servants, being sanctified both in body and soul, may worthily offer unto thee this our sacrifice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

§ *Sung by the choir. Translation on p.567 of the hymnal.*

§ *All kneel.*

Jesus Christ is Lord: **O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

The canon 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

§ Translation on p.569 of the hymnal. As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people, saying:

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

§ All respond:

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

COMMUNION CHANT

Paser invenit sibi domum

§ Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. It is distributed at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle. Gluten-free Hosts are available at the latter, which also involves no steps.

COMMUNION HYMN

73. My God, I love thee not because

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*§ All respond to the blessing: **Amen.***

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

357. Father, hear the prayer we offer

THE ANGELUS

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, 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.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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.

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.**



Collection is taken using the card reader at the back of church, or using this QR code.
Thank you!

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PARISH NOTICES

Electoral Roll

Every member of the All Saints' congregation needs to fill in a new electoral roll form in the next few weeks in order to be entered onto the new list. It does not matter if you have done this in the past – everyone must fill in a form, without exception. The easiest and preferred way is to do this online by going to bit.ly/asmselectoralroll using any device. Physical forms will be available after Mass where needed.

Lent Appeal

The proceeds of this year's fundraising will be split between the work of the Homeless Shelter at the American Church on Tottenham Court Road and the Bishop of London's Lent Appeal.

Holy Hour

Do remember that there is a Holy Hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament every week on Wednesdays from 5.30 pm until the evening Low Mass at 6.30 pm.

Palm Sunday

There will be a special service on Palm Sunday offered in place of Evensong and Benediction. It will be entitled, "Mysterium Paschale: a liturgy of music and readings for Holy Week." Do put this in your diary and invite friends to come.

Easter flowers sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor and dedicate an arrangement for the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and for Easter, please contact Shawn Welby-Cooke directly or via the parish office (office@asms.uk). We still need sponsors for two of the smaller arrangements

**The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:
020 7636 1788; office@asms.uk**

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd March

LENT III

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

12 noon; 6.30pm

12 noon; 6.30pm High Mass

Monday 24th March *Lent Feria*

**Tuesday 25th March ANNUNCIATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

12 noon; 12.30 *Stations*; 5.30pm *Holy Hour*; 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th March *Lent Feria*

12 noon; 6.30pm

Thursday 27th March *Lent Feria*

Friday 28th March *Lent Feria*

12 noon; 6.30pm; 7pm *Stations*

Saturday 29th March *Lent Feria*

12 noon Low Mass

6pm *Confessions*; 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 30th March

LENT IV (Laetare)

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm Evensong and Benediction

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:

23rd – Alan Kimbrough, Brenda Koupis, Stanislav Kudryashov, Christopher Laws, Margaret Leggett; *24th* – Cornelius Logue, Frau Dr Christiane Loidl-Rainey, Nigel Lynn, Henry Macey, Bishop Michael Marshall, David Mason, Robert Mason, Graham Mather; *25th* – Judith Mather, The Ven Fr Stephen McClatchie, John McWhinney, Colin Menzies, Amanda Miller; *26th* – Thomas Moller, Michael Mortensen, Barry Moore, Deacon Christopher Morash, Grace Morgan, Dr John Morrell, Fr. Stephen Morris, Inger Mosbery, Lachlan Moyle, Carol Mundell; *27th* – Christopher Naylor, Brian Newman, Barry Newsome, Elaine Norman, Richard North, Fr Paul Ockford; *28th* – Fr Peter and Anna Oesterby-Joergensen, Daniel Oliver, Fr. Barry Orford, Nicholas Page, Samantha Parker, Malcolm Parr, Bhaven Patel, Alma Pearson, Gladys Pearson; *29th* – Pat Philips, Dr Colin Podmore, Nick and Cecilia Powell, Johann Powell, Susan Prain, Vasileios Psomas, Simon Rainey, Heikki Repo

The sick: Fr Harry Hodgetts, Elizabeth Lyon, Philip Payne, Fr John Rick III.

The recently departed: Valerie Snapes

and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

23rd – Geoffrey Constable; *24th* – Constance Kirk; *25th* – Belle McCarthy, Beryl Williams, Ralph Ballard, Yvonne Burgess-Jones; *26th* – Mary Montgomery; *27th* – John Davies, Amy Burnett-Brown, Maya Dean; *28th* – John Hosier, Diane Suzans; *29th* – Georgina Carlton-Williams, Joseph Semlyon