

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent 2020

SETTING OF THE MASS *Missa Brevis* Palestrina (1525-1594)

This service is live streamed on [YouTube](#).

The mass setting is in Latin. English translations are provided.

Please stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE CHANT

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament
declares the work of his hands.

Day unto day conveys the message, and night unto night
imparts knowledge.

He has set his tabernacle in the sun, and he comes forth as a
bridegroom coming out of his bridal chamber.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *is sung by the choir.*

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Please remain standing.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is OMITTED in ADVENT*

COLLECT

O God our redeemer,

who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of thy Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,

so we may be ready to greet him

when he shall come again to be our judge;

who liveth and reigneth with thee

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him,

the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.'

Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?

I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89.1-4, 20-27

MY song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord :
with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant;

Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst :
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.

My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.

He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 16.25-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever!
Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

GOSPEL: Luke 1.26-38

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.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr Michael Bowie

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Hassler (1564-1612)

Dixit Maria ad angelum:

Ecce ancilla Domini,

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Mary said to the Angel:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,

let it be done to me, according to your word.

Luke 1.38

Pray, my brothers and sisters,

that this, our sacrifice,

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.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, may the power of the Spirit
which came upon Mary and made her womb fruitful
sanctify the gifts we have placed on this altar.

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.

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.

Please kneel

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

... O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

During the Agnus Dei, the priest says:

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.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

COMMUNION HYMN:

501 Drop down, ye heavens, from above

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us thy servants with thy grace,
that in all things we may embrace thy holy will
and with her rejoice in thy salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

ANGELUS (*Memorial of the Incarnation*) is sung
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.

VOLUNTARY *Praeludium in G minor*

Tunder (1614-67)

Later today: **Evensong and Benediction at 3pm**

Gibbons - Short service

Philips - Ave Maria