

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

Christmas Day 2020

SETTING OF THE MASS

Missa Brevis in D K194

Mozart (1756-91)

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

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

ENTRANCE CHANT

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us ; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have wrought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation, he has revealed his justice in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth ; make melody, rejoice and sing.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty God,

who hast given us thy only-begotten Son

to take our nature upon him

and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that we, being regenerate

and made thy children by adoption and grace,

may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,

now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52.7-10

A reading from the book of Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 98

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done
marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he
gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he
openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of
Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the
salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing,
rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm
of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful
before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round
world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful
together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people
with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1.1-4

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

GOSPEL: *John 1.1-14*

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.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.
Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally.
Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore.
Kyrie eleison.

Miles Coverdale (1488-1569) after Martin Luther

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, on this solemn day accept the offering which has brought us reconciliation and perfect peace and is the full expression of our worship.

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 shouldest come under my roof,

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

COMMUNION HYMN: 32 *O little town of Bethlehem*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God our Father,

whose Word hath come among us

in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:

grant that the light of faith may illumine our hearts and shine

in all our words and deeds;

through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN: 26 *Hark! The herald angels sing*

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: *Final from Symphonie no. 6* Widor (1844-1937)