

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

Fourth Sunday before Advent

SETTING OF THE MASS

Collegium Regale

Howells (1892-1983)

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

There will be no collection taken at the Offertory. The plate at the back of the church can receive donations as a retiring collection.

The bar will be open for one hour after mass.

*The choir enters; the organ plays. Please stand when **the bell rings**.*

ENTRANCE CHANT

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in your indignation : nor chastise me in your wrath.

My heart is troubled, my strength has left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

For in you, O Lord, have I hoped: you will hear me, O Lord my God.

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 and everlasting God,
who hast kindled the flame of love

in the hearts of thy saints:

grant to us, we beseech thee,

the same faith and power of love

that we, rejoicing in their triumphs,

may be sustained by their example and fellowship;

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.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6.1-9

A reading from the book Deuteronomy

Now this is the commandment – the statutes and the ordinances – that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119.1-8

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

SECOND READING Hebrews 9.11-14

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

GOSPEL *Mark 12.28-34*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'

Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself", – this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.'

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Vicar, Fr Peter Anthony

THE CREED *p562 in the hymnal*

Merbecke

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

Harry Bramma (b 1936)

I will go unto the altar of God even unto the God of my joy and gladness. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come.

And it came to pass as he sat at meat with them he took bread and blessed it and brake it and gave it unto them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and prayers.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth in me shall never thirst.

We need not now go up to heaven
To bring the long-sought Saviour down;
Thou art to all who seek thee given,
Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:
To every faithful soul appear,
And show thy real presence here.

Psalm 43.4; Corinthians 11.26; Luke 24.30;
Acts 2.42; John 6.35; Charles Wesley

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.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation,
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through 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



As our Saviour Christ has com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dail-y bread,

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e-vil.

For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry; for e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

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

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

*Please use either of the **two** communion stations.
Gluten-free hosts are available at the Lady Altar station.*

COMMUNION HYMN

295 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray,
so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift
for receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

FINAL HYMN 366 *God of mercy, God of grace*

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 *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la cathédrale de Soissons*

Durufié (1902-1986)

Later today:

First Evensong of All Saints and Benediction at 6pm

Canticles in D – Dyson

The Fair Chivalry – Ashfield

O salutaris and *Tantum ergo* – Caplin