

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

Third Sunday of Advent

SETTING OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Gabrielis

J.M. Haydn (1737-1806)

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

Retiring collection: please make donations in the collection plate.

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

The choir sings the entrance chant.

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.

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger
to prepare thy way before thee:
grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3.14-end

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146.4-10

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever;
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

SECOND READING Philippians 4.4-7

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 3.7-18*

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Revd Tom Sander

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

Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

John 1.19-23

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 the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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.**

The choir sings the communion antiphon.

*Please use either of the **two** communion stations.*

Gluten-free hosts are available at the Lady Altar station.

COMMUNION HYMN 409 *Love of the Father*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord,
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults
and prepare us for the coming feasts.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN 5 *Hark! A herald voice is calling*

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

Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541

Bach (1685-1750)

The bar will be open for one hour after mass.

Later today:

Evensong and Benediction at 6pm

Tomkins - Fifth service

Wise - *Prepare ye the way*

Palestrina - Benediction hymns

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