

All Saints Margaret Street

MASS PROPERS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SETTING OF THE MASS *Missa Rorate Caeli* Haydn (1732-1809)

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*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 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: Micah 5.2-5a

A reading from the book of Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80.1-7

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 1.39-45*

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr Julian Browning

THE CREED *See 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 *Ave Maria*

Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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 Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power
the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
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

I'll sing a hymn to Mary,
The Mother of my God,
The Virgin of all virgins,
Of David's royal blood.
O teach me, holy Mary,
A loving song to frame,
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
To love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley,
O Mystic Rose, what tree,
Or flower, e'en the fairest,
Is half so fair as thee?
O let me, tho' so lowly
Recite my Mother's fame.
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

O noble Tower of David,
Of gold and ivory.
The Ark of God's own promise,
The gate of Heav'n to me.
To live and not to love thee
Would fill my soul with shame;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

The saints are high in glory,
With golden crowns so bright;
But brighter far is Mary,
Upon her throne of light.
Oh that which God did give thee,
Let mortal ne'er disclaim;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

But in the crown of Mary,
There lies a wondrous gem,
As Queen of all the angels,
Which Mary shares with them;
No sin hath e'er defiled thee,
So doth our faith proclaim;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

FINAL HYMN 484 (T167) *The Church's one foundation*

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 *Ave Maris Stella*

Anon (17th C French)

There will be drinks in the courtyard after mass.

Later today:

Evensong and Benediction at 6pm

Gibbons – Short service

Bruckner – *Virga Jesse*