

# All Saints Margaret Street

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## MASS PROPERS

### Saint Stephen

#### SETTING OF THE MASS

*Mass in E minor*

W. Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

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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.

**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**

Gracious Father,

who gavest to the first martyr Stephen

grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:

grant that in all our sufferings for the truth

we may learn to love even our enemies

and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt,

looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us,

Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate,

who liveth and reigneth with thee,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 7.51-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

‘You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.’ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119.161-8**

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgements.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly. I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.

## **SECOND READING Galatians 2.16b-20**

A reading from the St Paul's letter to the Galatians

Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

the Lord God is our light.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 10.17-22*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Vicar, Fr Peter Anthony

**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

Gibbons (1583-1625)

Lord, with what zeal did thy first Martyr breathe  
Thy blessèd truth, to such as him withstood!  
With what stout mind embracèd he his death!  
A holy witness sealing with his blood!  
The praise is thine, that him so strong didst make,  
And blest is he, that dièd for thy sake.

Unquenchèd love in him appear'd to be,  
When for his murd'rous foes he did intreat:  
A piercing eye made bright by faith had he,  
For he beheld thee in thy glory set;  
And so unmov'd his patience he did keep,  
He died, as if he had but fallen asleep.

Our lukewarm hearts with his hot zeal inflame,  
So constant, and so loving, let us be;  
So let us living glorify thy name;  
So let us dying fix our eyes on thee:  
And when the sleep of death shall us o'ertake,  
With him to life eternal us awake.

*George Wither (1588-1667)*

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 offerings of our devotion today,  
be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord,  
for they are prompted  
by the glorious commemoration of Saint Stephen the Martyr.  
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 305 *Soul of my Saviour***

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

For the many mercies which surround us  
we give thanks to you, O Lord,  
who save us through the Nativity of your Son  
and gladden us with the celebration of the blessed Martyr  
Stephen.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **FINAL HYMN 201 *Stephen, first of Christian martyrs***

**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, Fugue and Chaconne in C BuxWV 137*

Buxtehude

