

# All Saints Margaret Street

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## Epiphany Carol Service & Benediction, 6pm

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**BEFORE THE SERVICE** *The Holy Boy* Ireland (1879-1962)

*Please stand when the bell rings.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 33** (*omit v3; v7 descant – Willcocks*)

**Choir:** Of the Father's heart begotten,  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

**ALL: O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
*Evermore and evermore.***

**This is he, whom seer and sibyl  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
*Evermore and evermore.***

**Let the storm and summer sunshine,  
Gliding stream and sounding shore,  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,  
Day and night their Lord adore;  
Let creation join to laud thee  
Through the ages evermore,  
*Evermore and evermore.***

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.***

## INTRODUCTION AND COLLECT

As we rejoice in the Word made flesh,  
who comes among us to reveal God's glory,  
let us pray that his kingly reign  
may be acknowledged throughout the world.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who drew the Gentiles to thy brightness  
and made known to them  
the one who is our true light, the bright and morning star:  
fill the whole world, we pray, with thy glory,  
and by the radiance of thy splendour  
reveal thyself to thy faithful people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON *Genesis 1.1-5 Let there be light*

### CHOIR

Elgar (1857-1934)

Light of the World, we know Thy praise  
The angels and archangels raise  
And all the host of Heaven;

More worthily than our faint hymns,  
Whose jarring sound that glory dims,  
Which God to Thee has given,

But thou didst not disdain to take  
Our low estate, or e'ven to make  
The tomb Thy resting place;

So Thou might bring into our night  
The dawn of Thine eternal Light  
To shine upon our face.

Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord,  
But Thou O Son of God. Thy word  
Is now our Sovereign law.

Therefore we thank thee, and we pray  
Thy Light may shine unto the Perfect Day  
On us for ever more.

*Edward Capel-Cure (1828-1890)*

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Isaiah 60.1-6, 19*     *Arise, shine, for your light has come*

## **CHOIR**

Handl (1550-1591)

Omnes de Saba venient, aurum et thus deferentes, et laudem  
Domino annuntiantes. Alleluia.

*All shall come from Saba bringing gold and frankincense and giving  
praise to God. Alleluia.*

*Isaiah 60: 6*

## **THIRD LESSON**

*Isaiah 49: 6b-13*     *I will give you as a light to the nations*

**CHOIR** *Lo! The Star*

Judith Bingham (b 1952)

And lo! the star, that they saw in the east, went before them and stood above, where the child was. And they saw the star, and joyed with a full great joy. And they entered into the house, and found the child with Mary, his mother; and they felled down, and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures, they offered to him gifts, gold, incense, and myrrh.

*from Matthew 2 (transl. Wycliffe)*

**FOURTH LESSON** *Baruch 4.36 - 5.end* *Look to the East*

**CHOIR**

Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,  
And a Sceptre from Israel rise up,  
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,  
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams  
Of light and consolation!

Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting,  
Truth imparting, gives salvation;  
Thine be praise and adoration!

*Orig. German text: Christian Charles Josias von Bunsen*

## **FIFTH LESSON** *Isaiah 9.2-3, 6-7*

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light*

**CHOIR:** *Videntes stellam* Poulenc (1899-1963)

Videntes stellam magi gavisii sunt gaudio magno: et intrantes domum, obtulerunt Domino aurum, thus et myrrham.

*Seeing the star, the magi rejoiced greatly and, entering the house, they offered the Lord gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

## **SIXTH LESSON** *Revelation 21.22 - 22.5* *The temple of the Lamb*

### **HYMN 48**

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
None can once with thee compare;  
Thou alone the Lord from heaven  
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning  
Was the star that told his birth;  
To the lands their God announcing,  
Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided  
See the eastern kings appear;  
See them bend, their gifts to offer,  
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth the God disclose,  
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
To the Gentile world displayed,  
With the Father and the Spirit  
Endless praise to thee be paid.**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 2: 1-12* *The Coming of the Wise Men*

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**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHOIR:** *The Three Kings*

Cornelius (1824-74) arr. Atkins

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the newborn King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
*How brightly shines the morning star!*  
*With grace and truth from heav'n afar*  
*Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The Kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.  
*Of Jacob's stem and David's line,*  
*For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,*  
*My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

Thou Child of Man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling – travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King!  
*Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, life bestowing,  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

*Peter Cornelius, 'Die Könige', incorporating the chorale  
'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern', tr. H N Bate*

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*Please kneel when the bell rings*

Blessed, praised and hallowed  
**be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory  
and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. [3 times]**

Arise, shine; for your light has come  
**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you**

Nations shall bring gold and frankincense  
**And proclaim the praise of the Lord**

O blessed Jesus, who by the shining of a star didst manifest thyself to them that sought thee: show thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find thee; finding, to rejoice in thee; and rejoicing, to present to thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for thy service for evermore; for thine honour and glory.

**Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who in the offerings of the wise men didst receive a pledge of the worship of the nations: grant that thy Church may never cease to proclaim the good news of thy love, that all may come to worship thee as their Saviour and King, who livest and reignest world without end.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Have mercy on us. [3 times]**

**TANTUM ERGO**

Henschel (1850-1934)

Therefore we, before him bending,  
This great sacrament revere:  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.  
**Containing within itself all sweetness.**

O God,  
who in a wonderful sacrament  
hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion:  
grant us, we beseech thee,  
so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood,  
that we may evermore perceive within ourselves  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people in silence with the Blessed Sacrament.*

*The Celebrant leads the Divine Praises, repeated by the congregation:*

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be his holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.**

**Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

**Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.**

**Blessed be his most Precious Blood.**

**Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

**Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.**

**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Blessed be her glorious Assumption.**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.**

**Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**

*While the Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the tabernacle,  
Psalm 117 is sung:*

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy Sacrament.**

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: **praise him all ye nations.**  
**For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and  
the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As  
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without  
end. Amen.**

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy Sacrament.**

**HYMN 47 (v7 descant - Willcocks)**

**As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,  
To that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

Holy Jesu, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down:  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluyas to our King.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Epiphany*

Litaize (1909-1991)

*The bar will be open for one hour after Benediction.*