

All Saints Margaret Street

Ash Wednesday

2nd March 2022

SETTING OF THE MASS

Missa Emendemus in melius

Palestrina (1525-94)

*This service is live streamed on [YouTube](#).
The choir enters. Please stand when **the bell rings**.*

LENT PROSE

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17

A reading from the book of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is
coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds
and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a
great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from
of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now,
says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with
weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your
clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and

merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51.1-12

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine
offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from
my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight :
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when
thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother
conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make
me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones
which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.10

A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
and give me again the joy of your help.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21*

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 practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where

neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Vicar, Fr Peter Anthony

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Brethren, it has been the custom in the Church from ancient times to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same by a season of penitence and fasting. To make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us ask God our Father that he vouchsafe to bless these ashes with an abundance of his grace.

The celebrant blesses ashes:

O God, who desirest not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved,
mercifully look upon the mortality of our mortal nature,
and of thy goodness vouchsafe to bless these ashes now to be set
upon our heads in token of humility and to obtain pardon;
that we knowing we are but dust
and that for our unworthiness unto dust shall return,
may through thy mercy be found meet to receive
forgiveness of all our sins,
and those good things which thou hast promised to the penitent,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The faithful approach the celebrant, who places ashes on each person's forehead.

MOTET

Morley (1557-1602)

Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

"I do not wish the death of a sinner." These are the words of the Saviour.

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.

Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;

Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,

but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

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

Byrd (1542-1623)

Emendemus in melius quæ ignoranter peccavimus; ne subito præoccupati die mortis, quæramus spatium pœnitentiæ, et invenire non possimus. Attende, Domine, et miserere; quia peccavimus tibi. Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster, et propter honorem nominis tui libera nos.

Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance; lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it. Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee. Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour of thy name deliver us.

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

As we solemnly offer
the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent,
we entreat you, O Lord,
that, through works of penance and charity,
we may turn away from harmful pleasures
and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

O Saviour of the world,

who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,

save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

... 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.

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.*

The choir sings the antiphon 'Dele, Domine, iniquitatem meam'.

COMMUNION HYMN: 70(i) *Lord Jesus, think on me*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Sacrament we have received sustain us, O Lord,
that our Lenten fast may be pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Retiring collection: please make donations in the collection plate or tap
your debit or credit card on the machine.*

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