

All Saints Margaret Street

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

27th March 2022

SETTING OF THE MASS

Missa Princeps Pacis

W. Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

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

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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.

Dear brothers and sister,
let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Mass
by reminding ourselves of the forgiveness we received
through the waters of baptism,
and our need of God's healing and mercy.

God our Father,
thy gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.

Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled whilst the choir sings the antiphon:

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

Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from
your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to
new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *is sung by the choir.*

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech thee,
absolve thy people from their offences,
that through thy bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, O heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5.9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding :
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall
upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust
in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all
ye that are true of heart.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.16-end

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

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

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

GOSPEL *Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end*

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.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr Tom Sander

THE CREED *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*

Elgar (1857-1934)

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

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 184 *Shall we not love thee, Mother dear*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

FINAL HYMN 362 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

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

Con moto maestoso (Sonata 3)

Mendelssohn (1809-47)

The bar will be open for one hour after Mass.

Later today:

Evensong and Benediction at 6pm

Sumsion in A

Geistliches Lied- Brahms

Benediction hymns - Paul Brough

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd April 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Guest Preacher at the 11.00 am High Mass: Sister Gemma Simmonds, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge.

Friday 8th April 2022 - 7.00 pm

Lent Lecture given by the Revd Dr Dominic Keech: Augustine and the formation of the Western Mind.

Sunday 10th April - Sunday 17th April: Holy Week 2022

Holy Week Preacher: The Most Revd and Rt Hon Rowan Williams.

Sunday 1st May 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher at the 11.00 am High Mass: The Revd Steve Rice, Rector, St Timothy's, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

Monday 2nd May - National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 5th June - 3.30pm: Organ recital - Jeremiah Stephenson

22nd-25th July - Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 14th August - 3.30pm: Organ recital - William Forrest

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 28th March

Feria

The homeless

12.00 noon Mass

6.15 pm Mass

Tuesday 29th March

Feria

Judges and magistrates

12.00 noon Mass

6.15 pm Mass

Wednesday 30th March

Feria

The sick

12.00 noon Mass

6.00 pm High Mass

Thursday 31st March

Feria

A greater spirit of penitence

12.00 noon Mass

6.15 pm Mass

Friday 1st April

Feria

12.00 noon Mass

6.00 pm High Mass

Saturday 2nd April

Feria

12.00 noon Mass

Sunday 3rd April

Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

Parish and People

11.00 am High Mass

5.15 pm Mass

6.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

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