

All Saints' Margaret Street

High Mass

The Third Sunday of Advent

11th December, 2022, 11am

*The Mass is sung today to the Missa Brevis in G
by W.A. Mozart (1756-91)*

*The choir sings THE INTROIT:
Gaudete in Domino*

THE INTRODUCTION & GREETING

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.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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	Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy

THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called

the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146.4-10 *is sung by the choir*

4. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
5. Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever.
6. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry.
7. The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
8. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.
9. The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
10. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

THE SECOND READING: James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11.2-11

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.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Fr. Bruce Batstone,
Rector of St. Mary with St. George, Hornsey

All sing **THE CREED**

Text and music are found on p562 of the hymnal

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayer concludes: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

May the peace of God make you perfect and holy, that you may be kept safe and blameless in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

Please note that a collection is raised at the end of the service, rather than at this point.

The choir sings **THE MOTET:**

Henry Purcell (1659-95),
Rejoice in the Lord always

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Philippians 4.4-7)

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.

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we prayer, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begin in sacred mystery

and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. 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.

The preface continues.

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.

The canon continues.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

The canon concludes:

O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 CHANT:**
Dicite: pusillanimes

Please use either of the two Communion stations. Gluten-free hosts are available at the Lady Altar station. Those with mobility issues are advised to use the Lady Altar station.

All sing **THE COMMUNION HYMN:**
5 Hark! a herald voice is calling

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for these thy heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of thy Spirit that when our Saviour Christ shall come again we may shine as lights before his face; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

To which all respond: **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

All sing **THE FINAL HYMN:**
9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

All sing **THE ANGELUS:**

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: J.S. Bach (1685-1750), Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter, BWV 650

A retiring collection is raised. Please make donations in the collection plate or tap your debit or credit card on the machine.

The bar will open at 12.30 for one hour, for members and their guests. New members are welcome.