

All Saints' Margaret Street

Solemn Mass

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December, 2022, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Mass for Four Voices by William Byrd (1543-1623)

The choir sings THE INTROIT:
Rorate cæli desuper

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 God our redeemer, who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of thy Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he shall come again to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

PSALM 80.1-7, 17-19 *is sung by the choir*

1. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

3. Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4. O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5. Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6. Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7. Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

17. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18. And so will not we go back from thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

19. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

THE SECOND READING:

Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1.18-25

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.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Vicar, Fr. Peter Anthony

THE CREED *is sung by the choir*

The text may be 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, from 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:**

Peter Philips (1560-1628), Ave Maria

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.

(Marian prayer after Luke 1.28)

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 Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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:**
Ecce, virgo concipiet

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:**
187 Virgin-born, we bow before thee

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us thy servants with thy grace, that in all things we may embrace thy holy will and with her rejoice in thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:**
10 Long ago, prophets knew

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: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707), Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

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.