

# All Saints' Margaret Street

## High Mass

The Second Sunday in Lent

*5<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, 11am*

*The Mass is sung today to the Missa Dittes  
Maistresse by Orlande de Lassus (1532-94)*

*The choir sings THE INTROIT:  
Tibi dixit cor meum*

### 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.**

### ASPERGES

Dear brothers and sisters, 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 thy life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with thy saving health, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled whilst the choir sings:*

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

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING: Genesis 12.1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 121 is sung by the choir

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

### **THE SECOND READING:**

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it.

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

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 3.1-17

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

## THE SERMON

The Vicar, Fr. Peter Anthony

*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

In Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for he is our peace.

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:** Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), O Lord, in thy wrath

O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke me not: neither chasten me in thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me? O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

*(Psalm 6.1-4)*

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.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that they may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the advancement of everlasting salvation; through Jesus 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.*

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.**

*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:*  
Hic est Filius meus dilectus

*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:*  
**65 Christian, dost thou see them**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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:*  
**379 In the cross of Christ I glory**

*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.**

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

*The bar is open for one hour after Mass.*