All Saints' Margaret Street High Mass

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 24th September, 2023, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Mass of All Saints *by* Gabriel Jackson (b.1962)

The choir sings **THE INTROIT**: Salus populi ego sum

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung by the choir

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; 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.**

THE FIRST READING: Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and

made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

PSALM 145.1-8 is sung by the choir

- 1. I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.
- 4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
- 5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8. The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.

THE SECOND READING:

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20.1-16

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.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius for

the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Peter Anthony

All sing THE CREED

Text and music are found on p.562 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE OFFERTORY

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

The choir sings **THE MOTET**: Herbert Howells (1892-1983), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

(Psalm 122.6-7)

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.

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee: that by the protection of thy holy Sacraments, we may ever be defended against all the assaults of the devil; 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, 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, 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. (twice)
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 shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The choir sings **THE COMMUNION CHANT:** Tu mandasti mandata tua

Holy Communion is received at either of the two 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: 276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, who hast taught us through thy Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love thee with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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: 495 God is working his purpose out

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 ... 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 ... 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), Prelude in C BWV 547.i

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.