All Saints' Margaret Street High Mass

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 8th October, 2023, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Missa secunda by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

The choir sings **THE INTROIT**: In voluntate tua, Domine

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us thy gift of faith that, forsaking that which is behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of thy commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Isaiah 5.1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and

it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

PSALM 80.8-16 is sung by the choir

- 8. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
- 9. Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root it filled the land.
- 10. The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
- 11. She stretched out her branches unto the sea: and her boughs unto the river.
- 12. Why hast thou then broken down her hedge: that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
- 13. The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- 14. Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven: behold, and visit this vine;
- 15. And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
- 16. It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

THE SECOND READING:

Philippians 3.4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For

his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Iesus.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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The nations shall fear thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21.33-46

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.

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them,

saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 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**:

Thomas Tallis (1505-85), O sacrum convivium

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

(Latin antiphon for Corpus Christi)

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.

Almighty God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that we who here celebrate these holy mysteries, may thereby be absolved from all our former sins, and evermore defended against all temptations; 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.

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 shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The choir sings **THE COMMUNION CHANT:** Bonus est Dominus

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: 294 Just as I am, without one plea

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive thee, here the memory of thy passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come, when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest with all thy saints 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: 477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

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 ... 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 ... 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 and Fugue in A minor BWV 543

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.