

All Saints' Margaret Street

Evensong and Benediction

The Fourth Sunday in Lent 10th March, 2024, 6pm

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.**

To the collect, all reply: Amen.

**EVENSONG, according to the
1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

All sing **THE PRECES**

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALMODY 13, 14 (*Prayer Book, p. 154*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 6.2-13

OFFICE HYMN

O kind Creator, bow thine ear



**O kind Creator, bend thine ear
To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before thy throne of mercy spent
In this thy holy fast of Lent.**

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek thy face
Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

**Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
And for the honour of thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

Give us the self-control that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly
The soul may purely dwell with thee.

**We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.**

MAGNIFICAT *is sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

(The Canticles are sung to the Third Service by Philip Moore, b. 1943)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5.1-11

NUNC DIMITTIS *is sung by the choir*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead;**

He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

All sing **THE RESPONSES & COLLECTS**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The choir sings **THE ANTHEM**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

Isa.26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,

Ps.139:11 The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

I John 1:5b God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.

Ps.119:175a Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

Matthew 6:13 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA *is sung by the choir*

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

(Setting: Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958)

Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

[Three times]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us proclaim the greatness of God and pray to Christ the Lord, for he cares for all people.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

God of all truth, grant every good gift to the college of bishops and preserve in the faith of the apostles the people you have entrusted to them.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

May all who share in the one bread of life be filled with your love; may they be united more closely in your Body.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

Help us to put aside our selfish ways; let us put on the newness and fulness of life you promise.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

May sinners share in the blessings of your atonement; may they find repentance and forgiveness.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

Let the dead praise your goodness in the peace of heaven; there we hope to glorify your name for ever.

Give salvation, Lord, to those you have redeemed.

Lord God, in your surpassing wisdom you reconcile us to yourself. Grant that your people may come with eager faith and ready will to celebrate the Easter festival.

Silence is kept.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Have mercy on us. [*Three times*]

TANTUM ERGO *is sung by the choir*

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who from both with both is One.
Amen.

(Setting: Déodat de Séverac, 1872-1921)

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
Containing within itself all sweetness.

Let us pray: O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

All repeat the Divine Praises after the Celebrant:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

**Blessed be Jesus Christ,
true God and true Man.**

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

**Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar.**

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

**Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy.**

**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception.**

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

**Blessed be the name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be Saint Joseph,
her spouse most chaste.**

**Blessed be God in his angels and
in his saints.**

While the Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the tabernacle, all sing Psalm 117:

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy Sacrament.**

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen : **praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Let us adore, for ever, **the most holy Sacrament.**

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