

All Saints' Margaret Street

Evensong & Benediction

The Second Sunday of Easter

7th April, 2024, 6pm

All sing REGINA CÆLI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, hast given joy unto the
world: grant we beseech thee that by the help
of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain
the joys of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. 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 143.1-11 (*Prayer Book, p. 306*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 26.1-9 & 19

OFFICE HYMN

The Lamb's high banquet we await



The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. 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 Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G by Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24.1-12

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.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. 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. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The choir sings **THE ANTHEM**

Rise up, my love – Howard Skempton, b.1947

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For, lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

the fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret places of the stairs,
let me see thy countenance,
let me hear thy voice;
for sweet is thy voice,
and thy countenance is comely.

(Song of Songs of Solomon)

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: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827)

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 pray to Christ, who rose from the dead to restore our life.

Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Lord Jesus, you are the stone rejected by the builders but you have proved to be the keystone of God's house; make us living stones in the temple of your Church.

Ever-living Christ, hear us.

You are the faithful and true witness, the first-born from the dead; may the Church never cease to proclaim you to the world.

Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Through your death and resurrection you took the Church to yourself as a bride: cherish her, and keep her faithful, and prepare her for the day of your coming.

Ever-living Christ, hear us.

You are the first and the last, you were dead and now you are alive; may all the baptized be faithful unto death and gain the crown of glory. **Ever-living Christ, hear us.**

You are the light and joy of the city of God; shine on the faithful departed that they may reign for ever.

Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Lord Jesus Christ, who on the evening of the first Easter Day appeared to your disciples when they were afraid and spoke to them your word of peace: Grant to us your servants that same holy peace, that we may walk in the light of your presence and know the power of your risen life, until we come to the joy of your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

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: Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896)

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

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.**

VOLUNTARY The Reverend Mustard his Installation Prelude – Nico Muhly, b. 1981

Parish Bar

Our parish bar is open after this service.
To find it, head downstairs through the door opposite the church entrance.

