

All Saints' Margaret Street

High Mass

The Second Sunday of Easter 7th April, 2024, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Missa in tempore Paschali – Philip Moore, b. 1943

All sing **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
106 Come ye faithful raise the strain

The choir sings **THE INTROIT**
Quasimodo geniti infantes

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 ASPERGES

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Mass by reminding ourselves of the new life we received through the waters of baptism, and Christ's triumph over death and sin.

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 while the choir sings

VIDI AQUAM

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya, Alleluya. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

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.**

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 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 alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord

Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133 *is sung by the choir*

1 Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is :
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
that ran down unto the beard : even unto
Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of
his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell
upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised his blessing :
and life for evermore.

THE SECOND READING 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say

that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

And after eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20.19-31

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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although

the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Alan Rimmer, Assistant Priest

All sing **THE CREED**

Text and music may be 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

Then came Jesus and stood in the midst of his disciples, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And with thy spirit. Alleluia!

THE OFFERTORY

The choir sings **THE MOTET**

Jesus came when the doors were shut
– Thomas Tomkins, 1572-1656

Jesus came when the doors were shut and stood in the midst and said, Peace be unto you. And after that he said to Thomas, Bring thy finger hither and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus said unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet they have believed.

(John 20.26-29)

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.

Accept, O Lord, we pray thee, the gifts which in her gladness the Church doth offer unto thee: that they on whom thou hast bestowed the cause of so great a gladness, may thereby be profited unto everlasting felicity; 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 Eucharistic Prayer continues.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

The Eucharistic Prayer 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 shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The choir sings THE COMMUNION CHANT
Mite manum tuam

Holy Communion is distributed at two stations: at the High Altar; and the Lady Altar, which involves no steps, and where gluten-free hosts are available.

All sing THE COMMUNION HYMN
104 At the Lamb's high feast



COLLECTION

We now take the collection at all liturgies electronically. Please give either via this QR code, or with the card machine by the church door.



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, who through our Saviour Jesus Christ hast assured us of eternal life and in baptism made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in thy love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

To which all respond Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

All sing THE FINAL HYMN
124 Ye choirs of New Jerusalem

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.**

VOLUNTARY Moderato, *from* Symphonie Romane – Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937

Parish Bar



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