

All Saints' Margaret Street

Evensong & Benediction

The Sunday after Ascension Day

12th May, 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!

For the Lord is risen indeed:
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 147.1-12 (*Prayer Book, p. 310*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61

OFFICE HYMN

Eternal monarch, King most high



Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. 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 Sixth Service by Thomas Weelkes, 1576-1623)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4.14-21

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 God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; 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**
Non vos relinquam – William Byrd, 1540-1623

*Non vos relinquam orphanos. Alleluia.
Vado, et venio ad vos. Alleluia.
Et gaudebit, cor vestrum. Alleluia.*

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.
I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia.
And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

(Magnificat Antiphon for First Vespers at Pentecost; Vulgate John 14:18 & 16:22b)

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: Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585)

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

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

King of glory, in you our mortal flesh has been lifted to the heights:

deliver us from the corruption of sin and restore us to immortal life.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Following the path of love, you came down to us from heaven:

let us follow that same path in our ascent to you.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

You promised to draw all people to yourself:

do not let any of us be separated from your body.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

You have ascended into heaven:

let us be there with you in our minds and hearts.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

We await your coming in majesty on the great day of judgement:

may we then gaze upon your glory, with all the faithful departed.

You, Christ, are the king of glory.

Lord we thank you with reverence and love as we celebrate your Ascension and look forward to the giving of the Holy Spirit. We have been raised up with you: where you, the Head, have preceded us in glory, there we, the Body, are called in hope. To you be all glory and honour, now and to the ages of the ages.

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: Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611)

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 *Première Fantaisie*

- Jehan Alain, 1911-1940

