

All Saints' Margaret Street

High Mass

The Sunday after Ascension Day 12th May, 2024, 11am

The Mass is sung today to the Missa Aeterna Christi munera by G. P da Palestrina, 1525-1594

The choir sings **THE INTROIT**
Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam

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.

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 whilst 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

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.**

THE FIRST READING Acts 1.15-17 & 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the

day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM 1 *is sung by the choir*

1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

THE SECOND READING 1 John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God reigneth over the nations: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia.
I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17.6-19

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.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and

I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

THE SERMON

The Vicar, Fr. Peter Anthony

All sing **THE CREED**

The text 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

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.

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

And with thy spirit. Alleluia!

THE OFFERTORY

The choir sings **THE MOTET**

Ascendens Christus in altum – Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611

Ascendens Christus in altum, alleluia.

Captivam duxit captivitatem, alleluia.

Dedit dona hominibus, alleluia.

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,

et Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia.

Dedit dona hominibus, alleluia.

Christ rose up, alleluja.

And took captivity prisoner, alleluja.

He gave gifts to the men, alleluja.

God rose in jubilation,

and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluja.

He gave gifts to the men, alleluja.

(Ephesians 4.8 and Vulgate Psalms 46.6 & 102:19a)

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.

Grant, O Lord, that this spotless sacrifice may cleanse us from all our sins: and shed forth within our souls the strength of thy heavenly grace; 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.

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

The choir sings **THE COMMUNION CHANT**

Rogo, Pater

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**

134 The Head that once was Crowned with Thorns

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: so confirm us in this mission that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

110 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

All sing **REGINA CAELI**

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.**

VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in D major
BWV 532 - J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



COLLECTION

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