All Saints' Margaret Street Evensong & Benediction

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th September, 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 110, 150 (*Prayer Book, pp.* 272 & 312)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 63.1-16

OFFICE HYMN The Royal Banners



The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's torrent rushing from his side, To wash us in that precious flood, Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light, O Tree with royal purple dight, Elect on whose triumphal breast Those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung, The weight of this world's ransom hung, The price of humankind to pay And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail! So may thy power with us prevail To give new virtue to the saint, And pardon to the penitent.

To thee, eternal Three in One, Let homage meet by all be done: Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore, Preserve and govern evermore. 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* Evening Service in E *by* Herbert Henry John Murrill, 1909-1952)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

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 God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, 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**Crux fidelis – Jean Roger-Ducasse, 1873-1954

Crux fidelis, inter omnes Arbor una nobilis: Nulla silva talem profert Fronde, flore, germine Dulce lignum, dulces clavos Dulce pondus sustinet

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on, Noble tree beyond compare! Never was there such a scion, Never leaf or flower so rare. Sweet the timber, sweet the iron, Sweet the burden that they bear!

(Text: St Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609)

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: Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897)

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 our Redeemer, who went to the cross for our sakes.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Lord Jesus, you took the form of a slave and became like us:

grant us a share in your humility.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself becoming obedient even unto the death of the cross:

let us share your obedience in suffering.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Lord Jesus, you were raised on high by God, and given a name above every other name:

grant us perseverance, and a share in your glory.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Let every knee bow at the name of Jesus: fire the hearts of all men with your love.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Son of God, grant salvation to those who have called you their Lord:

take our deceased brothers and sisters into your kingdom.

Lead us into your kingdom through the cross.

Lord, in obedience to the Father's will you endured the cross for our salvation.

Grant that as we have come to know the mystery of the cross here on earth, we may receive its rewards in heaven.

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. 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.



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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

Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" – Hubert Parry, 1848-1918

