

# All Saints' Margaret Street

## Solemn Mass

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th September, 2024, 11am

All sing **THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

**79 The royal banners forward go**

*The Mass is sung today to the Missa Sancti Gabrielis by Michael Haydn, 1737-1806*

*The choir sings* **THE INTROIT**

Nos autem gloriari

### **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 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**KYRIE ELEISON** *is sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison	Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison	Lord, have mercy

**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 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.**

### **THE FIRST READING** Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and

against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

**PSALM 22.23-28** *is sung by the choir*

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him : your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

## **THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 2.6-11

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a Burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 3.13-17

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.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

## **THE SERMON**

Fr Alan Rimmer, Assistant Priest

*The choirs sing* **THE CREED**

## 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*The choir sings* **THE MOTET**

O crux benedicta – Francisco Guerrero, 1528-1599

*O crux benedicta! Quae sola fuisti digna, portare Regem coelorum, et Dominum, alleluia.*

O Blessed Cross, which only was worthy to bear the Lord and King of heaven, alleluia.

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.**

O Lord our God, who dost suffer us to be fulfilled with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom thou hast sanctified unto us the standard of the Cross: we humbly beseech thee; that like as we have been counted worthy to venerate the Cross, so we may in everlasting glory be made partakers of the saving benefits of the same; through the same 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.

*During the Agnus Dei, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people, saying:*

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**  
Ego si exaltatus fuero

*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**  
**95 When I survey the wondrous Cross**

### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.  
**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**  
**379 In the Cross of Christ I glory**

*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.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **VOLUNTARY**

Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 545  
- J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



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