

All Saints' Margaret Street

ALL SAINTS' DAY



Solemn High Mass

Friday 1st November, 2024

6.30pm

ENTRANCE HYMN

FOR all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

O may the soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluya, Alleluya!*

W. Walsham How, 1823-97

SINE NOMINE
R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

INTROIT *Gaudeamus omnes in Domino*

INTRODUCTION

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.**

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.**

MISSA SANCTI NICOLAI

Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through 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 Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

PSALM 34

1. I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his name together.
4. I sought the Lord and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all fear.
5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of things that is good.

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL St Matthew 5.1-12

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway

Lord Bishop of Lincoln

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY MOTET *cf* Revelation 14.4-5

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein with Christ all the saints rejoice; Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Tomás Luis de Victoria, c. 1548-1611

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that the gifts which we offer unto thee of our bounden duty and service may be acceptable unto thee for the honour of thy Saints; and by thy mercy profitable unto us for our salvation. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon continues:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Canon 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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

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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.

COMMUNION CHANT *Beati mundo corde*

Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and at the Lady Altar. Gluten-free Hosts are available at the latter, which also avoids the steps.

COMMUNION HYMN

**ALLELUYA, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph
His the victory alone:
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us his blood.**

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

W. Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898

HYFRYDOL

Richard Huw Pritchard, 1811-1887

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most gracious God, whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew thy people with thy heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by thy true and living bread. Who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

to each prayer all respond: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

FINAL HYMN

**JERUSALEM the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest;
I know not, O I know not
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare!**

**They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.**

O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

St Bernard of Cluny, C12th
Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

EWING
Alexander Ewing, 1830-1895

VOLUNTARY

FINALE
from Evocation, Op. 37
Marcel Dupré, 1886-1971