

All Saints' Margaret Street

Evensong & Benediction

Third Sunday of Advent

15th December, 2024, 6pm

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

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 62 (*Prayer Book, p. 208*)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35

OFFICE HYMN: **Creator of the stars of night**



**Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.**

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heavenly grace.

**Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.**

At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and King alone.

**To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every onslaught of the foe.**

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT

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.

Service in F
Sir George Dyson, 1883-1964

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

St Luke 1.57-66

NUNC DIMITTIS

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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

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 Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way by turning

the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and 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 ANTHEM

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light,
Of this our wint'ry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays
divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height.
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to
prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.
Amen.

O thou the central Orb
Charles Wood, 1866-1926

At the bell, all kneel.

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.**

Paul Brough, b. 1963

**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 Lord, who is the way, the
truth, and the life.

Come, Lord, do not delay.

Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin
Mary: Son of the most High, come to claim
your kingdom.

Come, Lord, do not delay.

John the Baptist rejoiced to see your day:
come, bring us your salvation.

Come, Lord, do not delay.

Simeon acknowledged you, Light of the
World: bring your light to all men of
goodwill.

Come, Lord, do not delay.

We look for you as watchmen look for the
dawn: you are the sun that will wake the
dead to new life.

Come, Lord, do not delay.

Grant, Lord, that faithfully awaiting the feast
of your nativity, we may celebrate your
coming with unfailing joy.

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.

Paul Brough, b. 1963

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.

Benediction is given.

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 reposed, 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.**

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