

All Saints' Margaret Street

High Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December, 2024, 11am

INTROIT

Populus Sion

THE 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

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Mass in the Phrygian Mode

Charles Wood, 1866-1926

THE COLLECT

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help

and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTUS *is sung by the choir*

1. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;
3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
4. That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
5. To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
6. To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;

7. That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
8. In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
9. And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
10. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,
11. Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL St Luke 3.1-6

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Fr Alan Rimmer

All sing THE CREED, found on p. 562 of the hymnal.

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

MOTET

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour in the house of David, his servant,

As he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us.

So his love for our fathers is fulfilled, and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear and saved from the hands

Of our foes we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child, you should be called a prophet of God the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare the ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins,

The loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.

St Luke 1.68-79

Benedictus from Strathclyde Motets

Sir James MacMillan, b. 1959

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.

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and oblations of us thy humble servants: that we, who can do nothing of ourselves to help ourselves, may be defended by the succour of thy 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 follows.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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 COMMUNION CHANT

Jerusalem, surge

Holy Communion is given at two stations: at the High Altar; and the Lady Altar, which involves no steps, and where gluten-free Hosts are available.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

5 Hark! a herald voice is calling

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son to redeem the world and wilt send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he shall come again, we may be found ready to greet him with joyful love and steadfast faith; 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.**

THE FINAL HYMN

10 Long ago, prophets knew

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, 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.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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.

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.**

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Olivier Messiaen, 1908-1992



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