

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

EPIPHANY III

SOLEMN HIGH MASS *Sunday 26th January, 2025, 11 am*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

INTROIT Cantate Domino canticum novum

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.

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

§ *Sung by the choir. Text with translation can be found on p.558 of the hymnal.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

§ *Sung by the choir. English text begins on p.559 of the hymnal.*

Missa aeterna Christi munera
G. P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of thy saving presence: renew thy people with thy heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by thy mighty power; 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.**

§ *All sit.*

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8.1-10

ALL the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This

was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2. One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.
3. There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.
4. Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.
5. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
11. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how oft he offendeth?
O cleanse thou me from my secret
faults.

13. Keep thy servant also from
presumptuous sins, lest they get the
dominion over me: so shall I be
undefiled, and innocent from the great
offence.

14. Let the words of my mouth, and
the meditation of my heart: be always
acceptable in thy sight,

15. O Lord: my strength, and my
redeemer.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12.12-31

FOR just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is,

there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

§ *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the Isles may be glad thereof.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4.14-21

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.

THEN Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

§ *All sit.*

THE SERMON

Fr Peter Anthony

The Vicar

§ *All stand.*

THE CREED

§ *The Choir sing the Creed. All sit with the Sacred Ministers. Text begins on p.562 of the hymnal.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.

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.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea

Prevent us, O Lord
William Byrd, 1540-1623

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.

Grant, O Lord, we praise thee, that this oblation may in such wise cleanse us from all our sins: that we thy servants, being sanctified both in body and soul, may worthily offer unto thee this our sacrifice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

§ *Sung by the choir. Translation on p.567 of the hymnal.*

§ *All kneel.*

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

§ *Translation on p.569 of the hymnal. As the choir sings the Agnus, 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.

§ *All respond:*

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

Accedite ad Dominum

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. It is distributed at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle. Gluten-free Hosts are available at the latter, which also involves no steps.*

COMMUNION HYMN

312. Where the appointed sacrifice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: grant that thy people, illumined by thy word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

§ *All respond to the blessing: Amen.*

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

FINAL HYMN

484. The Church's one foundation

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. . . **Holy Mary. . .**

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . . **Holy Mary. . .**

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.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Epilogue on 'Dix'

William Henry Harris, 1883-1973

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PARISH NOTICES

Music Sponsorship

We have begun our annual campaign for sponsorship of music at our liturgies. If you feel able to contribute, be in touch with the Parish Office. More information in the weekly email.

The flowers this week are given by **Francis Davis** in memory of his mother **Barbara**, whose anniversary of death falls on Candlemas.

If you would like to have flowers put in church to mark a special occasion or if you would like to make a contribution to the flowers or sponsor an arrangement for the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and for Easter, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.

Evensong tonight – Byrd Second Service; Byrd *Christe, qui lux es est dies*
Handl *O salutaris*; Monteverdi *Tantum ergo*

Confirmation Classes

Please be in touch with the clergy with the parish office if you would like to be confirmed and/or baptized. Our confirmation will take place on Sunday 18th May and is preceded by a course of confirmation starting in February.

Homeless Shelter

If you'd like to help staff our next night at the American Church's cold weather shelter, speak to Fr Alan. More details in the parish email and on the website.



Collection is taken
using the card reader
at the back of church,
or using this QR code.
Thank you!

The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th January

EPIPHANY III

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

12 noon; 6.30pm

12 noon; 6.30pm

12 noon; 5.30pm *Holy Hour*; 6.30pm

12 noon High Mass; 6.30pm

12 noon; 6.30pm

12 noon Low Mass

6pm *Confessions*; 6.30pm Vigil Mass

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm *Candlemas Carol Service*

Monday 27th January *Feria*

Tuesday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday 29th January *Feria*

Thursday 30th January Charles Stuart

Friday 31st January St John Bosco

Saturday 1st February *Feria*

Sunday 2nd February

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:

26th - Thomas Moller, Michael Mortensen, Barry Moore, Deacon Christopher Morash, Grace Morgan, Dr John Morrell, Fr Stephen Morris, Inger Mosbery, Lachlan Moyle, Carol Mundell; 27th - Christopher Naylor, Brian Newman, Barry Newsome, Elaine Norman, Richard North, Fr Paul Ockford; 28th - Fr Peter and Anna Oesterby-Joergensen, Daniel Oliver, Fr Barry Orford, Nicholas Page, Samantha Parker, Malcolm Parr, Bhaven Patel, Alma Pearson, Gladys Pearson; 29th - Pat Philips, Dr Colin Podmore, Nick and Cecilia Powell, Johann Powell, Susan Prain, Vasileios Psomas, Simon Rainey, Heikki Repo; 30th - The Sisters of All Saints; 31st - Friends of All Saints' in need; 1st - Carlos Remotti-Breton, Dr Steve Rice, John Rick, Fr Peter Roberts, Hilary Rodger;

The sick: Karan Bilimoria, Zara Bilimoria, David Craig, Tony Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Michael Lamprell, Dorothea Liebe-Kreutzner, Elizabeth Lyon, James Rodger

The recently departed: Joan Cooper, Tony Coulson *Pr*, Jack de Gruiter

and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

26th - Noel Campion, Frederic Hood *Pr*, Oswald Rodger, David Peschek, David Webb; 27th - Walter Vale, Annie Taylor, Alice Savage, Jane Wildash; 28th - Annie Benniston, Vera Martin, John Brackley, Barbara Niemyska; 29th - George Flack, Norah Lawrence; 30th - Doris Foster, Judith Pulteney, Florence Akers; 31st - Leonard Forsyth, Reginald Oxley, Jean Phillips; 1st - Sarah Hutchinson, John Rose, John Pollard, Richard Vann