

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

II SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *Sunday 23rd February, 2025, 6pm*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

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...*

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

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 § *All sit.*

Psalm 147, *Prayer Book p.310*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1.1-2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he

called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule

over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the

earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

OFFICE HYMN § *All stand.*



**O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of primal might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.**

To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore
For ever and for evermore.

**O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man’s infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of
night,
Who art our everlasting light.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
Let glory, praise, and worship be
From age to age eternally. Amen.**

MAGNIFICAT *Prayer book p. 19*

Truro Service

Gabriel Jackson, b. 1962

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON § *All sit.*
Matthew 6.25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is

alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Prayer book p.20*

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.

§ *All kneel.*

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 God, who seest that we put not
our trust in any thing that we do:
Mercifully grant that by thy power we
may be defended against all adversity.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

§ *The Second and Third Collects are found
on p.22 of the Prayer Book.*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Faire is the heaven, where happy soules
have place

In full enjoyment of felicitie,

Whence they doe still behold the

glorious face

Of the Divine Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright

Cherubins,

Which all with golden wings are

overdight,

And those eternall burning Seraphins,

Which from their faces dart out fiery
light;

Yet fairer than they both, and much
more bright,

Be th' Angels and Archangels, which
attend

On God's owne Person, without rest
or end.

These then in faire each other farre
excelling,

As to the Highest they approach more
neare,

Yet is that Highest farre beyond all
telling,

Fairer than all the rest which there
appear,

Though all their beauties joynd
together were;

How then can mortall tongue hope to
expresse

The image of such endlesse
perfectnesse?

Edmund Spenser, 1552-1599

Faire is the heaven

William Harris, 1883-1973

§ *All kneel as the bell rings and the Blessed
Sacrament is exposed on the altar.*

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

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.

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

**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

R. Lord, make haste to help us.

§ *Silence is kept.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Have mercy on us. [*Three times*]

TANTUM ERGO

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.

Josef Bruckner, 1824-1896

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
**Containing within itself all
sweetness.**

§ *Benediction is given.*

§ *All repeat the Divine Praises:*

**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.**

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.**

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

Let us adore, for ever, **the most
holy Sacrament.**

VOLUNTARY

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin
J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Welcome to All Saints', Margaret Street. Please join us in the Parish Bar after the liturgy.

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PARISH NOTICES

Music Sponsorship

We are pleased to announce that we are very close to meeting our music sponsorship goal of £15,000. If you feel able to contribute, be in touch with the Parish Office.

Evensong tonight – Jackson Truro Service; Harris – Faire is the heaven
O salutaris Elgar; *Tantum ergo* Bruckner

Ash Wednesday and Shrovetide confessions

There will be three masses on Ash Wednesday: low Masses at 8 am and noon, and a High Mass at 6.30 pm. All include the imposition of ashes and a priest will be available for confession before each Mass. Fr Graeme Rowlands will also be available to hear confessions at All Saints' next week on Wednesday 19th February at 5.00 pm; and then on Shrove Tuesday 4th March at 5.00 pm.

Lent Walk

Our next parish walk will be a circular route of around 9 miles in the environs of Leigh-on-Sea and Hadleigh Castle and will take place on Saturday 15th March and include a Low Mass and the opportunity to eat together in Leigh after the walk. We aim to catch the 10 am train from Fenchurch St Station, and to be back in London by 6 pm. Please let Fr Alan (assistantpriest@asms.uk) know if you plan to join us.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

Fr Alan will be hosting a pancake party for our young adults after the 6.30 pm Mass on Shrove Tuesday (4th March). Please be in touch with him (assistantpriest@asms.uk) if you would like to attend.

Easter flowers sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement for the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and for Easter, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.

The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:
020 7636 1788; office@asms.uk

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd February

II BEFORE LENT

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; 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 Evensong and Benediction

Monday 24th February *Feria*

Tuesday 25th February *Feria*

Wednesday 26th February *Feria*

Thursday 27th February *Feria*

Friday 28th February *Feria*

Saturday 1st March St David, Bishop

Sunday 2nd March

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:

23rd - Alan Kimbrough, Brenda Koupis, Stanislav Kudryashov, Christopher Laws, Margaret Leggett; 24th - Cornelius Logue, Frau Dr Christiane Loidl-Rainey, Nigel Lynn, Henry Macey, Bishop Michael Marshall, Robert Mason, Graham Mather; 25th - Judith Mather, The Ven Fr Stephen McClatchie, John McWhinney, Colin Menzies, Amanda Miller; 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; 1st - Carlos Remotti-Breton, Dr Steve Rice, John Rick, Fr Peter Roberts, Hilary Rodger

The sick: David Craig, Janet Crispin, Suzanne Goodstien, Eckhart Grimm, Tony Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Elizabeth Lyon, Philip Payne, James Rodger

The recently departed: Magdalena Grimm, Michael Brotherton, priest, Doris Binkinski, Clive Billenness

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

23rd - William Butterfield (Architect of this Church), Thomas Skeffington-Lodge;

24th - James Keen; 25th - Eleanor Alaway, Derek Beavan, Diana Stonebanks, Yoskyl

Brackley; 26th - Ian Searle; 27th - Lionel Ryan, Catherine Thomas; 28th - Alexander Finnis

29th - Martin Mogridge; 1st - Dennis Gill, William Batey, Gertrude Bennett, Charles

Bewick *Pr*, Frances Lightfoot, Beatrice Ansah