

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

IV SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *Sunday 9th 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.*

Psalms 1 and 2, *Prayer Book p.144*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Wisdom 6.1-21

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and boast of many nations. For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High; he will search out your works and inquire into your plans. Because as servants of his kingdom you did not rule rightly, or keep the law, or walk according to the

purpose of God, he will come upon you terribly and swiftly, because severe judgement falls on those in high places. For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily tested. For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of anyone, or show deference to greatness; because he himself made both small and great, and he takes thought for all alike. But a strict inquiry is in store for the mighty. To you then, O monarchs, my words are directed, so that you may learn wisdom and not transgress. For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defence. Therefore set your desire on my words; long for them, and you will be instructed. Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and

immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. Therefore if you delight in thrones and sceptres, O monarchs over the peoples, honour wisdom, so that you may reign for ever.

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*

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in G
Herbert Sumsion, 1899-1995

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON § *All sit.*
Colossians 3.1-17

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above

all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 God, who knowest us to be set in
the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our

nature we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and
protection as may support us in all
dangers and carry us through all
temptations; 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 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

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At Thine altar pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.

Thomas Campion, 1567-1620

View me, Lord
Charles Wood, 1866-1926

§ *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.

After the Verbum supernum

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. Show us your loving kindness.

§ *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.

Friedrich Witt, 1770-1837

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

Vesper Voluntary, no. 5
Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

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



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

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PARISH NOTICES

Music Sponsorship

We are pleased to announce that we are within £3,500 of our target of £15,000. If you feel able to contribute, be in touch with the Parish Office.

Evensong tonight – Sumsion in G; Wood – View me, Lord
O salutaris after the *Verbum supernum*; *Tantum ergo* Witt

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.

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.

Homeless shelter: thank you!

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has volunteered for the two evenings over the past few months in which we have staffed the C4WS homeless shelter at the American International Church on Tottenham Court Road.

We have already been in touch with the staff at the American Church and indicated would be willing to take on more shifts next winter.

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.

Zoom Theology

Our next Zoom Theology session will be a joint session with St Mary the Virgin, NYC, on 22 March at 3pm GMT. What can Anglo-Catholic history tell us about the future, and what do our parishes' witness and traditions have to contribute to the life of the Church in our two cities?

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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th February

IV BEFORE LENT

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Monday 10th February St Scholastica, V.

12 noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes

12 noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th February *Feria*

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

Thursday 13th February *Feria*

12 noon; 6.30pm

Friday 14th February

12 noon; 6.30pm

Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Saturday 15th February Monthly Requiem

12 noon Low Mass of Requiem

6pm *Confessions*; 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 16th February

8.30am Low Mass

III SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm Evensong and Benediction

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:

9th - Mark Allan, Martin Amherst-Lock, Robert Austen, Richard Ayling, James Babington Smith, Ruth Baker; *10th* - Stephen Baldwin, Stephen Barber, Jonathan Beck, Dr William Benefield, William Bonnell; *11th* - John Bristow, Paul Brough, Michael Brown, David Blunden, Fr Michael Bowie, Dr Graham Burns; *12th* - Derek Bussey, Katherine Butler, Maureen Cambrey, David Caplowe, Adrian Carlton-Oatley, Timothy Cassady, Norman and Zulette Catir, Kate Charles, Stuart Chillingworth, Sir Robert Chote, Sandy Christian; *13th* - Roger Clark, Catharine Clarke, David and Mavis Cleggett, Graham Colville; *14th* - Karolyn Cooper, William Cooper Bailey, Peter Coulson, Steven Cox, Dr Yvonne Craig, Juliet Cridland; *15th* - Kirill Dashkovskiy, Christopher Davies, Peter Dennis, Laura Denton, Joshua Dolphin

The sick: David Craig, Magdalena and Eckhart Grimm, Tony Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Elizabeth Lyon, Sue Prain, James Rodger

The recently departed: Joan Cooper, Tony Coulson *Pr*

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

9th - Joan Adams, Pamela Brett, Hazel Otway, Eileen Mann; *10th* - Margaret Booker, Diana Juniper, Caroline Farrer; *11th* - Phyllis Woodcock, Frank Walker *Pr*, Winifred Bloomer, Victoria Nettey; *12th* - Charlotte Druitt, Helen Buck, Sister Barbara of All Saints; *13th* - Charles Lethbridge, Nellie Chapman; *14th* - Margaret McWilliam, Mary Dick, John Knight *Pr*, Charles Forker; *15th* - Marion Clark, Constance Rivington, Henry Hewetson, John Bartle, Alec Rodger, Margaret Menzies, Doris Sanders