

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

II SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SOLEMN HIGH MASS *Sunday 23rd February, 2025, 11 am*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

INTROIT Domine, in tua misericordia speravi

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 brevis in C major
W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who hast created the heavens and the earth and hast made us in thine own image: teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works and thy likeness in all thy children; 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 Gen. 2.4-9; 15-25
In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then

the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man

said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

1. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2. Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4. Blessed is the man, whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5. Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
7. Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings

of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.

10. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.

13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14. The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

SECOND READING Revelation 4

AFTER this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are

flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

§ *All stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ponder my words, O Lord: consider my meditation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8.22-25

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.

ONE day Jesus entered a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

§ *All sit.*

THE SERMON

Fr Alan Rimmer

Assistant Priest

§ *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

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee.

The darkness is no darkness with Thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to Thee, to
Thee are both alike.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness
at all. O let my soul live, and it shall
praise Thee, for Thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for
evermore.

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect
peace**

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876

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: graciously
to accept this our sacrifice which we
offer unto thee; that the same may
effectually avail for our succour unto
everlasting life. 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
shouldest come under my roof,**

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION CHANT

Narrabo omnia mirabilia tua

§ *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

284. Father, we thank thee

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God our creator, by whose gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church: may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

401. Light's Abode, celestial Salem



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

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

Toccata quinta
Georg Muffat, 1653-170

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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