

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

LAETARE SUNDAY

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *Sunday 30th March, 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 30, *Prayer Book p.172*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40.27-41.13

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted; but
 those who wait for the Lord shall
 renew their strength, they shall mount
 up with wings like eagles, they shall
 run and not be weary, they shall walk
 and not faint. Listen to me in silence,
 O coastlands; let the peoples renew
 their strength; let them approach, then
 let them speak; let us together draw
 near for judgement. Who has roused a
 victor from the east, summoned him to
 his service? He delivers up nations to
 him, and tramples kings under foot; he
 makes them like dust with his sword,
 like driven stubble with his bow. He
 pursues them and passes on safely,
 scarcely touching the path with his feet.
 Who has performed and done this,
 calling the generations from the
 beginning? I, the Lord, am first, and
 will be with the last. The coastlands
 have seen and are afraid, the ends of the
 earth tremble; they have drawn near
 and come. Each one helps the other,
 saying to one another, 'Take courage!'
 The artisan encourages the goldsmith,
 and the one who smooths with the
 hammer encourages the one who
 strikes the anvil, saying of the
 soldering, 'It is good'; and they fasten
 it with nails so that it cannot be moved.
 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob,
 whom I have chosen, the offspring of
 Abraham, my friend; you whom I took
 from the ends of the earth, and called
 from its farthest corners, saying to you,
 'You are my servant, I have chosen you
 and not cast you off'; do not fear, for I
 am with you, do not be afraid, for I am

your God; I will strengthen you, I will
 help you, I will uphold you with my
 victorious right hand. Yes, all who are
 incensed against you shall be ashamed
 and disgraced; those who strive against
 you shall be as nothing and shall perish.
 You shall seek those who contend with
 you, but you shall not find them; those
 who war against you shall be as nothing
 at all. For I, the Lord your God, hold
 your right hand; it is I who say to you,
 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

OFFICE HYMN § *All stand.*



O kind Creator, bend thine ear
**To mark the cry, to know the tear
 Before thy throne of mercy spent
 In this thy holy fast of Lent.**

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
 Thou knowest our infirmity;
 Pour out on all who seek thy face
 Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

**Our sins are many, this we know;
 Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy
 show;
 And for the honour of thy name
 Our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

Give us the self-control that springs
 From discipline of outward things,
 That fasting inward secretly
 The soul may purely dwell with thee.

**We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.
Amen.**

MAGNIFICAT *Prayer book p.19*

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in F
John Ireland, 1879-1962

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON § *All sit.*
2 Timothy 4.1-18

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best

to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever.

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.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty
God, that we, who for our evil deeds
do worthily deserve to be punished, by
the comfort of thy grace may
mercifully be relieved. Through our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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

Lo! my shepherd is divine
How can I want when he is nigh?
By the stream that wanders slow
Through the mead where flowers grow
He leadeth me, and there I rest
In love and peace, divinely blest.

Lo! my Shepherd is divine
William Lloyd Webber, 1914-1982

§ *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. Give salvation, Lord, to those
you have redeemed.**

§ *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.

Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

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

Prelude on St Mary's

Charles Wood, 1866-1926

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

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PARISH NOTICES

Electoral Roll

Every member of the All Saints' congregation needs to fill in a new electoral roll form. It does not matter if you have done this in the past – everyone must fill in a form, without exception. The easiest and preferred way is to do this online by going to bit.ly/asmselectoralroll using any device.

Holy Week volunteers

Please be in touch with Fr Alan if you would like to volunteer to be a steward on Palm Sunday or to have your feet washed at the evening liturgy on Maundy Thursday.

Flowers

The flowers for Mothering Sunday have been given by Shawn Welby-Cooke in thankfulness for his mother and for all mothers, especially those parted from their children.

Maundy Thursday & Easter sponsorship

We would like to thank those who have sponsored an arrangement for Maundy Thursday and Easter. Would you please contact Shawn directly or via the office with your dedication, or let him know if you would prefer to only list your name or remain anonymous. Thank you.

Music sponsorship and champagne

Many thanks to Simon Rainey K.C. and Frau Dr Christiane Loidl-Rainey for their sponsorship of the music at this Mass and champagne donation.

Yvonne Craig's 100th Birthday

A very happy birthday to Dr Yvonne Craig, who turns 100 tomorrow. Many happy returns.

Easter Saturday walk

There will be a parish walk from Amersham on Easter Saturday 26 April 2025. More details to follow.

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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th March

LENT IV (Laetare Sunday)

8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass

5.15pm Low Mass

6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

12 noon; 6.30pm

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12 noon; 12.30 *Stations*; 5.30pm *Holy Hour*; 6.30pm

12 noon; 6.30pm

12 noon; 6.30pm; 7pm *Stations*

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 31st March *Lent Feria*

Tuesday 1st April *Lent Feria*

Wednesday 2nd April *Lent Feria*

Thursday 3rd April *Lent Feria*

Friday 4th April *Lent Feria*

Saturday 5th April *Lent Feria*

Sunday 6th April

LENT V (Passion Sunday)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:

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; *2nd* – Greg Round, Jamie Rundle, Mary Sherred, James Shrimpton; *3rd* – Ingrid Slaughter, Naomi Slippe, Vaughan Snook, Harvey Solomon-Brady; *4th* – Richard and Louise Stallwood, Iain Stewart, Robert Stoltz, Madeleine Storer, Ian and Veronica Summers, Colin Symes, Ann Tacchi; *5th* – Sebastian Taite-Ellis, Michael Taylor, Kitty Thompson, Charles Thomson, Dr James Thomson, Jeremy Thorp, Jane Turner, The Rev'd Roger Turner, Dr Christine Vaughn Lillie

The sick: Tony Hawkins, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Elizabeth Lyon, Philip Payne, Fr John Rick III, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter

The recently departed: Mable Forde, June Rodd, Sister Nathalie Sharpe, Valerie Snapes

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

30th – William Ingarfill, Mani Blake, Cecil Saltford-Beaman, Hilary Chadwick-Healey, John Hanvey; *31st* – Holbrook Gaskell, Charles Gage-Brown, John Rowe *Pr*, Robin Powis; *1st* – Alexander Burnett-Brown, Harold Gaunt, John Wallace; *2nd* – Sister Mary Estelle, Grace Trembath, John Gaskell Snr, Beryl Harding; *3rd* – Patrick Scott *Pr*, Elizabeth Usherwood; *4th* – Margaret Roche; *5th* – Christopher Ryan, Iolo Davies