

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SOLEMN HIGH MASS *Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, 11am*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

**INTROIT** Oculi mei semper ad  
Dominum

## 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.**

## THE ASPERGES

Dear brothers and sisters, let us  
prepare our hearts for the celebration  
of this Mass by reminding ourselves of  
the forgiveness we received through  
the waters of baptism, and our need of  
God's healing and mercy.

God our Father, thy gift of water brings  
life and freshness to the earth; in  
baptism it is a sign of the washing away  
of our sins and the gift of life eternal.  
Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew  
the living spring of thy life within us,  
that we may be free from sin and filled  
with thy saving health, through Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

§ *The people are sprinkled whilst the choir  
sings:*

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with  
hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt

wash me, and I shall be whiter than  
snow. Have mercy upon me, O God:  
after thy great goodness.

May the God of love and power forgive  
you and free you from your sins, heal  
and strengthen you by his Spirit, and  
raise you to new life in Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

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

**Missa brevis**

G. P. da Palestrina, c. 1525-1594

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who showest to them  
that be in error the light of thy truth, to  
the intent that they may return into the  
way of righteousness: grant unto all  
them that are admitted into the  
fellowship of Christ's religion, that  
they may eschew those things that are  
contrary to their profession, and follow  
all such things as are agreeable to the  
same; through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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. 15.5-12, 17-18

He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 27**

1. The Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the

Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2. When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

3. Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6. And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.

7. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10. O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11. Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12. When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me up.

13. Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14. Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15. I should utterly have fainted: but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16. O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

#### SECOND READING Phil. 3.17-4.1

**B**ROTHERS and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my

joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

§ *All stand.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord and divided it. Heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13.31-35

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.**

**A**T that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent

to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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**

In Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### **OFFERTORY MOTET**

In ieiunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes:  
Parce, Domine, populo tuo,  
et ne des haereditatem tuam in perditionem.

Inter vestibulum et altare  
plorabant sacerdotes dicentes:  
Parce populo tuo.

*Fasting and weeping, the priests prayed:  
Spare your people, O Lord,  
and do not allow your inheritance to fall  
into destruction.*

*Between the porch and the altar  
the priests lamented, saying:  
Spare thy people.*

**In ieiunio et fletu**  
Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

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, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that they may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the advancement of everlasting salvation. 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.*

Jesus Christ is Lord: **O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

*The canon concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**O**UR 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**

Hic est Filius meus dilectus

§ *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**

68. Jesu, Lord of life and glory

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which

may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

65. Christian dost thou see them?

### **THE ANGELUS**

**T**HE 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, 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.**

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

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.**

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.**