

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

LAETARE SUNDAY

SOLEMN HIGH MASS *Sunday 30th March, 2025, 11am*

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

OPENING HYMN

439. Praise to the Holiest in the height

INTROIT Laetare Jerusalem

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 in G, K. 49

W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

FIRST READING Joshua 5.9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

1. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3. For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
4. For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
5. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7. For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

8. Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10. Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11. Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 10.1-13

FROM now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and

entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.**

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

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.

NOW ALL the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: Then

Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and

kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

THE SERMON

Fr Peter Anthony

The Vicar

§ *All stand.*

THE CREED

§ *All sing the Creed. 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

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself, For thither the tribes go up, ev'n the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto

Israel, and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement: ev'n the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sake I will wish thee prosperity.

I was glad
Henry Purcell, 1659-1695

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: that this sacrifice which we offer unto thee may evermore avail to quicken and defend us. 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

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

Oportet te fili gaudere

§ *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

457. The King of love my shepherd is

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 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

461. There's a wideness in God's mercy

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.**

VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geister

J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

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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

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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