ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

EASTER III

SOLEMN HIGH MASS Sunday 4th May, 2025, 11am

§ All stand when the sacristy bell rings.

INTROIT Iubilate Deo

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.

VIDI AQUAM

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Mass by reminding ourselves of the new life we received through the waters of baptism, and Christ's triumph over death and sin.

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 congregation is sprinkled with holy water.

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya, Alleluya. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

§ All sit with the Sacred Ministers.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy

Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Mass for four voices William Byrd, 1540-1623

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

FIRST READING Acts 9.1-6

AUL, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30

- 1. I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me.
- 2. O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.
- 3. Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
- 4. Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
- 5. For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.
- 7. Thou didst turn thy face from me: and I was troubled.
- 8. Then cried I unto thee, O Lord: and gat me to my Lord right humbly.
- 9. What profit is there in my blood: when I go down to the pit?
- 10. Shall the dust give thanks unto thee: or shall it declare thy truth?
- 11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.
- 12. Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.
- 13. Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing:
 O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

SECOND READING Rev. 5.11-14

HEN I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

§ All stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21.1-19

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

FTER these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and

though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, # and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Then came Jesus and stood in the midst of his disciples, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Alleluia! I heard a voice as of strong thunderings saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, be unto the Lord our God, and to the Lamb for evermore. Alleluia!

Alleluia! I heard a voice

Thomas Weelkes, 1576-1623

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.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we receiving the quickening of thy grace, may ever glory in the gift which thou bestowest; though 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

OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. § 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

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

§ 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

Dixit Jesus

§ 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

Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,

Whom Jesus loves so well, And to his glory year by year Thy praise and honour tell?

Thee did he choose from whom to take

True flesh, his flesh to be; In it to suffer for our sake, And by it make us free.

O wondrous depth of love divine, That he should bend so low; And, Mary, O what joy was thine The Saviour's love to know.

Joy to be Mother of the Lord, Yet thine the truer bliss, In every thought and deed and word To be for ever his.

Now in the realm of life above Close to thy Son thou art, While on thy soul glad streams of love

Flow from his sacred heart.

Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son, Praise we thy Mother blest; Grant when our earthly course is run,

Life with the saints at rest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O living God, whose Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who liveth and reigneth, 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

fair,

The happy birds Te Deum sing,
'Tis Mary's month of May;
Her smile turns winter into
spring,
And darkness into day;
And there's a fragrance in the air,
The bells their music make,

And O! the world is bright and

And all for Mary's sake.

To love the Mother, people say,
Is to defraud the Son;
For them, alas, there dawns no
May,
Until their hearts are won;
Then, when their hearts begin to
burn,
Ah, then, to Jesus true,
And loving whom he loves, they
learn
To love Saint Mary too.

How many are the thoughts that throng
On faithful souls to-day!
All year we sing our Lady's song,
'Tis still the song of May:
Magnifcat! O may we feel
That rapture more and more;
And chiefly, Lord what time we kneel
Thing alter throng before

Thine altar-throne before.

'Tis then, when at thy feet we

pray,
We share our Lady's mirth;
Her joy we know who hail to-day
Thy Eucharistic birth;
That trembling joy to Mary sent,
Ah, Christians know it well,
With whom in his dear sacrament

Their Saviour deigns to dwell.

Yes, Mary's month has come again,
The merry month of May;
And sufferers forget their pain,
And sorrows flee away,
And joys return, the hearts whose moan
Was desolate erewhile
Are blithe and gay, once more they own
The charm of Mary's smile.

Thy Son our Brother is, and we, Whatever may betide, A Mother, Mary, have in thee, A guardian and a guide; Thy smiles a tale of gladness tell No words can ever say; If but, like thee, we love him well, The year will all be May.

REGINA CAELI

JOY to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia! He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia! As he promised hath arisen, alleluia! Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast given joy unto the world: grant we beseech thee that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Offertoire *from* Messe des Paroisses François Couperin, 1668-1733



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ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

EASTER III

Sunday, 4th May, 2025

Thank you to all who have worked so hard and contributed in many different ways to our Easter celebrations. Welcome to our visitors: please join us for coffee in the courtyard after Mass. The Parish Bar will be open from 12.30pm.

THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Do consider joining us for England's National act of witness at Walsingham on Monday, 26th May. £30 coach from All Saints' at 07.30am. Ask Fr Alan.

Curry night

On Thursday, 8th May there will be an Eastertide curry night for our younger adults. It will be at Fr Alan's house after the evening Mass. Let Fr Alan know by Sunday May 4th if you'd like to come along.

Parish lunch

Our confirmation on Sunday 18th May will be followed by a bring-and-share parish lunch in our parish courtyard. We need parishioners to volunteer to bring food. Please be in touch with Kate Hodgetts to indicate if you are able to contribute something.

Parish walks

Our parish rambling group will be going on two day trip walks over the coming months: Saturday 7th June; and Saturday 5th July. All are welcome to join the group! Precise details will follow, but for now the dates are published so you can make a note in your diaries. If you have questions or suggestions about future walks, please be in touch with Fr Alan.

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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 5th May Easter Feria
Tuesday 6th May Easter Feria
Wednesday 7th May Easter Feria
Thursday 8th May Easter Feria
Friday 9th May Easter Feria
Saturday 10th May Easter Feria of Our Lady

Sunday 11th May EASTER IV 12noon; 6.30pm 12noon; 6.30pm

12noon; 5.30pm Holy Hour; 6.30pm

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12noon; 6pm Confessions;

6.30pm Vigil Mass 8.30am Low Mass

11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass

6pm Evensong & Benediction

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street: 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; 6th – Christopher Walsh, Philip Wayne, Fr Benjamin Weitzmann, Fr. Mats Wendt, Michael Westcott; 7th – Sandra Wheen, Matthew Whittaker, Tim Widdowfield, David Wilcox, Samuel Wildy, T. Bradford Willis, Ian A. Wilson, Fr Michael Witcombe; 8th – Martin Woods, The Rev'd John Wylam, William Yale, Michael Young; 9th – Mark Allan, Martin Amherst-Lock, Robert Austen, Richard Ayling, James Babington Smith, Ruth Baker; 10th – Stephen Baldwin, Stephen Barber, Nigel Beanland, Jonathan Beck, Dr William Benefield, William Bonnell, Charlotte Black

The sick: Graeme Butler, Dame Averil Cameron, David Craig, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Tony Hawkins, Margaret Hill, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Elizabeth Lyon, Philip Payne, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter

The recently departed: Fr John Gayford, Melanie Tucker, Barbara Jones

and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: 4th – Cecil Meyer, Phyllis Matthews, Catherine Towers, Douglas Brough, Margaret Spencer; 5th – Alfred Adams, Paul Curno; 6th – Kathleen Wolfenden, Melinda Powell, John Norman, Jack Symes; 7th – Odo Flunt, Norman Sandwith, William Faithfull, Phyllis MacKenow, Dorothy Faithfull; 8th – Florence Hope, Richard Masheder Pr, Fred Bramma, Charles Cunnington, John Mather; 9th – Marygdd Snowden, Martin Cooper; 10th – Gertrude Thorpe