

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**EVENSONG & BENEDICTION**

*6pm, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026*

§ *All stand when the bell rings. Join in with the bold text.*

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...**

*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, to pour forth 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, may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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.*

§ *All sit with the choir.*

**PSALMODY DEUS DEORUM 50.1-15**

*THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken: and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him. He shall call the heaven from above: and the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is Judge himself. Hear, O my people, and I will speak: I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God. I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings: because they were not alway before me. I will take no bullock out of thine house: nor he-goat out of thy folds. For all the beasts of the forest are mine: and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls upon the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight. If I be hungry, I will not tell thee: for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein. Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh: and drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most Highest. And call upon me in the time of trouble: so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me. 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.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6.4-9; 16-25**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers. To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath spoken. And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

§ *All stand.*

#### OFFICE HYMN



O kind Creator, bow 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.**

Ascribed to St Gregory the Great, c.540-604

**MAGNIFICAT**

Francisco Guerrero, 1528-1599

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be...*

St Luke, 1.46-55

§ *All sit.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Matthew 17.9-23*

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

§ *All stand.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be...*

St Luke 2.29-32

### 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 Catholick 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.***

*O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.***

*O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;*

*LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

*The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.***

*Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

*May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **Amen.***

*§ All sit.*

## ANTHEM NE IRASCARIS

William Byrd, c.1540-1623

*Ne irascaris, Domine, satis et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae. Ecce, respice, populus tuus omnes nos. Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta. Sion deserta facta est, Jerusalem desolata est.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Isaiah 64: 9-10

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

§ *All kneel as the bell rings, and Blessed Sacrament is enthroned on the altar.*

### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Felice Anerio, c.1560-1614

*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.*

St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

**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

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

§ *Silence is kept.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: **Have mercy on us.** [*Three times*]

### TANTUM ERGO

Giammateo Asola, c.1532-1609

*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.*

St Thomas Aquinas, c.1225-1274

*Thou gavest them bread from heaven.*

**Containing within itself all sweetness.**

O GOD, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

§ *Benediction is given. All then 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 Paraclete.**

**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.**

§ *The bell rings as the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle. All stand.*

**Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.**



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