

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

6pm, Sunday 1st March, 2026

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

ANGELUS *St Luke 1.28; 38; 42*

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 LAUDATE NOMEN 135

O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord praise it, O ye servants of the Lord; Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts of the house of our God. O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely. For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself : and Israel for his own possession. For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: and in the sea, and in all deep places. He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures. He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast. He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and all his servants. He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings; Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan; And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people. Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another. For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants. As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men's hands. They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not. They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them. Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron. Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord. Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Glory be...

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21.4-9

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

§ *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.

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

MAGNIFICAT No. 4

Thomas Morley, 1557-1602

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 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.

St Luke, 1.46-55

§ *All sit.*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *St Luke 14.27-33*

Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

§ *All stand.***NUNC DIMITTIS No. 4**

Thomas Morley, 1557-1602

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.

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.

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 **VERSA EST IN LUCTUM**

Alonso Lobo, c.1555-1617

Versa est in luctum cithara mea et organum meum in vocem flentium. Parce mihi, Domine, nihil enim sunt dies mei.

My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep. Let me alone, O God, for my days are vanity.

Job 30.31; 16

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Josquin des Prez, c.1450-1521

*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

Jean de Castro, c.1540-1611

*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.

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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 8th March | **LENT III**

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

Wood Mass in the Phrygian Mode | Wesley Cast me not Away

Preacher Fr Peter Anthony

5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm Evensong & Benediction

Byrd | Tallis | Monteverdi



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