

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# HOLY WEDNESDAY

LOW MASS WITH HOMILY | 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6.30pm

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

§ *Absolution is then given, to which all respond: Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake to the yoke of the Cross, so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy, grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the Resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

## FIRST READING *Isaiah 50.4-9*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALMODY 69

**In your great mercy, O God, answer my prayer.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face.

To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you

fall on me. **Response.** Taunts have broken my heart; here I am in anguish. I looked for solace, but there was none; for consolers — not one could I find. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. **Response.** Then I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the LORD attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains. **Response.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION § *All stand.*

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

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 26.14-25*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is

betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY *Fr Julian Browning*

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 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.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

§ *All sit.*

THE OFFERTORY

§ *To the Offertory prayers, all respond:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

§ *All stand.*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS § *All respond:* **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes 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.**

...all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever. **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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*§ Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion, which is distributed at the High Altar. Low gluten Hosts are available on request.*

*§ All sing.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*§ All respond: **Amen.***

## BLESSING

*§ All respond: **Amen.***

## DISMISSAL

*§ All respond: **Thanks be to God.***



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