

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



HIGH MASS

Sunday 15th March, 2026

11am

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

**THERE'S a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

F.W. Faber, 1814-1863

CORVEDALE

Maurice Bevan, 1921-2006

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. Isaiah 66.10-11

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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 with the blessed water.*

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.

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.

Psalm 51.7; 1

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

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

COMMUNION SERVICE IN G
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924

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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 16.1b; 6-7; 10-13a*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY 23

THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5.8-14*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St John 9.1; 6-9; 13-17; 34-38*

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

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They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. Psalm 125.1

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.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him.

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

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Peter Anthony

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

CREDO

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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 heaven, *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 heaven, 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 shall 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 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 thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

§ *All sit.*

MOTET MY SHEPHERD IS THE LIVING LORD

Thomas Tomkins, 1572-1656

*My shepherd is the living Lord,
Nothing therefore I need:
In pastures fair, with waters calm,
He sets me for to feed.*

*He did convert and glad my soul,
And brought my mind in frame:
To walk in paths of righteousness,
For his most holy name.*

*Through all my life thy favour is
So frankly shew'd to me
That in thy house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

§ *All stand.*

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, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that they may be profitable to us for our increase in all godliness, and for the attainment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, 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. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

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: Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by all.*

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar station.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God. John 9.11; 38

§ *All sit or kneel to sing the hymn.*

AMAZING grace (how sweet the sound)
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

John Newton, 1725-1807

NEW BRITAIN
Appalachian folk song

§ *All stand.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace: and may the blessing of God almighty, the ☩ Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

§ *All sing the final hymn:*

**O FOR a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus-the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name.**

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

RICHMOND

Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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, 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.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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.

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.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
FUGA II ÜBER DEN NAMEN BACH

Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

Welcome to All Saints'. Please join us for refreshments after Mass.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday, 15th March | LENT IV

5.15pm Low Mass; *6pm Evensong & Benediction*
Brahms | Howells | Ireland

Monday, 16th March | Lent Feria

12noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday, 17th March | St Patrick of Ireland

12noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday, 18th March | Lent Feria

12noon; *12.30pm Stations of the Cross*
5.30pm Holy Hour; 6.30pm

Thursday, 19th March | ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM

12noon; 6.30pm

Friday, 20th March | Lent Feria

12noon; 6.30pm; *7pm Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, 21st March | Lent Feria

12noon; *6pm Confessions*; 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 22nd March | LENT V

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass
Victoria | Tallis

Preacher: *Fr Julian Browning*

5.15pm Low Mass; *6pm Evensong & Benediction*
Bach | Tomkins | Walton



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