

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**EVENSONG & BENEDICTION**

*6pm, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

## PSALMODY 30

*I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me. Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit. Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness. 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. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong. Thou didst turn thy face from me: and I was troubled. Then cried I unto thee, O Lord: and gat me to my Lord right humbly. What profit is there in my blood: when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust give thanks unto thee: or shall it declare thy truth? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper. Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness. Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee 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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Lamentations 3.19-33*

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the Lord will not cast off for ever: But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

§ *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 SECOND SERVICE

Thomas Tomkins, 1572-1656

*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 20.17-34*

Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. And, behold, two blind men sitting by

the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

§ *All stand.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS SECOND SERVICE

Thomas Tomkins, 1572-1656

*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.***

*WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and 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 DROP, DROP SLOW TEARS**

William Walton, 1902-1983

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

Phineas Fletcher, 1582-1650

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

*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

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

*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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