

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE LORD'S PASSION



EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Sunday, 29th March, 2026

6pm

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

DOST thou truly seek renown
Christ his glory sharing?
Wouldst thou win the heavenly crown
Victor's garland bearing?
Tread the path the Saviour trod,
Look upon the crown of God,
See what he is wearing.

This the King of Heaven bore
In that sore contending,
This his sacred temples wore,
Honour to it lending,
In this helmet faced the foe,
On the rood he laid him low,
Satan's kingdom ending.

Christ upon the tree of scorn
In salvation's hour,
Turned to gold these pricks of thorn
By his passion's power:
So on sinners, who had earned
Endless death, from sin returned,
Endless blessings shower.

When in death's embrace we lie,
Then, good Lord, be near us,
With thy presence fortify,
And with victory cheer us,
Turn our erring hearts to thee,
That we crowned for ay may be:
O good Jesu, hear us!

13th century Latin

Tr Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

DAS IST MEINE FREUDE
J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

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, 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 we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EVENSONG

THE 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.*

PSALM 69.1-20

SAVE me, O God: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me. I am weary of crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty. I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel. And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children. For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me. I wept, and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof. I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me. They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me. But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time. Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation. Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me. Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all in thy sight. 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 *Isaiah 5.1-7*

Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

§ *All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN

THE ROYAL banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

5th century Latin

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

GONFALON ROYAL
Percy Buck, 1871-1947

MAGNIFICAT SHORT SERVICE

Sir James MacMillan, b.1959

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 *St Matthew 21.33-46*

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

§ *All stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS **PRIMITONI 'IL MAGNANIMO PIETRO'**

Orlando di Lasso, c.1532-1594

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 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 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 AND EVERLASTING GOD, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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 SOLUS AD VICTIMAM

Kenneth Leighton, 1929-1988

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain for us thy wretched folk is any word? Who knew that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, why must thou suffer torture for our sins? Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win. This is the night of tears, the three days' space. Sorrow abiding in the eventide until the daybreak with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; heavy with weeping may the three days pass to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard, 1079-1142

Tr Helen Waddell, 1889-1965

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

*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*]

ANTHEM CHRISTUS FACTUS EST

Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896

Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

Philippians 2.8-9

TANTUM ERGO

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

*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.

§ *All sing the final hymn.*

IN THE cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming,
Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

John Bowring, 1792-1872

WYCHBOLD

Walter Whinfield, 1865-1919

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