

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH MASS | 26th April, 2026, 11am

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth, alleluia; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm 33.5-6

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.**

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Mass by reminding ourselves of the new life we received through the waters of baptism, and Christ's triumph over death and sin.

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.

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

Ezekiel 47.1; John 19.34; Psalm 117

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.**

§ *All sit when the celebrant has intoned the Gloria.*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COMMUNION SERVICE IN F

§ *All stand.*

Harold Darke, 1888-1976

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 *Acts 2.14a; 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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.

SECOND READING *1 Peter 2.20b-25*

If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

§ *All stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 10.1-10*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people. Alleluia.

I am the Good Shepherd: and I know my sheep, and am known of mine. Alleluia...

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY *Fr Peter Anthony, the Vicar*

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav’n and earth, 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 heav’n, *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 heav’n, 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 will 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 amongst 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

Then came Jesus and stood in the midst of his disciples and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

§ *All sit.*

OFFERTORY MOTET

Orlando di Lasso, 1532-1594

Surrexit pastor bonus, qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.

The good shepherd has arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and deigned to die for his flock, alleluia.

§ *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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, we pray thee, that from these mysteries we may obtain such succour of thy grace: that refraining ourselves from the desire of all things earthly, we may learn to love all such things as are heavenly; 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.**

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.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

§ *The canon concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end. **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

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

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

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 the Supper of the Lamb.

§ *All reply:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest 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. It is distributed both at the High Altar and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle. Low gluten Hosts are available at the latter, which is also step-free.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

§ *All kneel or sit to sing:*

**O THOU, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, ‘Thy will be done.’
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

William Turton, 1856-1938

SONG 1

§ *All stand.*

Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O merciful Father, who gavest thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us ever under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *All bow down for the blessing. All respond: Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

THE KING of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

H.W. Baker, 1821-1877

DOMINUS REGIT ME

J.B. Dykes, 1823-1876

REGINA CÆLI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast given joy unto the world: grant we beseech thee that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY TOCCATA IN F MAJOR

Dieterich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to All Saints', especially if you are visiting. Please join us after Mass for refreshments in the courtyard. The Parish Bar will be open from 12.30pm.

Flowers

The flowers by Our Lady are given by **Charlotte Black**, in memory of her mother, **Priscilla Black**. *If you would like to make a donation for flowers or the courtyard garden, please contact Shawn directly or via the office.*

Walsingham Pilgrimages

Places on the following pilgrimages can be booked using Eventbrite, following the link in the parish email or on the website.

National Pilgrimage: Monday 25th May 2026

£45 per head. Setting off 7.30am from Margaret Street, return late evening.

Weekend Pilgrimage: Friday 18th - Sunday 21st September 2026

Set off early afternoon on the Friday; return late evening Sunday. The cost is £240 and includes full board and transport from King's Lynn Station.

Pilgrims need to book their own train ticket.

Advent Retreat: Friday 4th - Sunday 6th December 2026

This year's retreat leader will be Bishop Peter Eagles. The cost of the retreat is £274. We will set off around midday on Friday and travel by train to King's Lynn, returning to King's Cross on Sunday around 7pm. Please note that pilgrims need to book their own train ticket.

Parish Walks

Fr Alan will be leading a number of walks over the coming months, each around 10 miles and involving some climbs. Bring lunch. There will be a short pub stop on each, and the option of an early supper together at the end of the walk. *Be in touch with Fr Alan to sign up or ask for details.*

Saturday 13th June Chiltern Hills.

10.27 Marylebone Station. Aylesbury Vale Parkway train to Wendover.

Saturday 25th July Surrey Hills. 10.23 Waterloo Station. Dorking train to Box Hill & Westhumble.

Saturday 22nd August Kent Downs. 10.34 Charing Cross Station.

Ramsgate train to Wye.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday, 26th April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Watson | Skempton | Widor

Monday, 27th April | Feria in Eastertide

12noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday, 28th April | Feria in Eastertide

12noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday, 29th April | **St Catherine of Siena**

12noon; 5.30pm *Holy Hour*; 6.30pm

Thursday, 30th April | Feria in Eastertide

12noon; 6.30pm

Friday, 1st May | **Ss Philip & James**

12noon; 6.30pm

Saturday, 2nd May | St Athanasius

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

Sunday, 3rd May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

Preacher: *Fr Julian Browning*

Palestrina | Phillips | Scheidemann

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Gibbons | Tallis | Victoria

*Confessions may be heard before or after any Mass,
or by appointment with the clergy.*



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