

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION | 6pm, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

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.**

## EVENSONG

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 when the choir sits down.*

PSALMODY 29

*Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength. Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship. It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord*

*is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus. He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever. The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. Glory be...*

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Ezra 3.1-13*

When the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the Lord that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the Lord. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the masons, & to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, & the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; & appointed the Levites, from twenty years old & upward, to set forward the work of the house of the Lord.

Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

§ *All stand.*

#### OFFICE HYMN



THE LAMB'S high banquet we await  
**In snow-white robes of royal state,  
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,  
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.**

*Upon the altar of the Cross  
His Body has redeemed our loss,  
And tasting of his precious Blood,  
Our life is hid with Christ in God.*

**That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,  
The devastating angel spared;  
By strength of hand our hosts went free  
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.**

*Now Christ our Passover is slain,  
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,  
And he, the true unleavened Bread,  
Is truly our oblation made.*

**Maker of all, to thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us thy joy today;  
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we  
May share thy Paschal victory.**

**To thee who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give,  
All glory to the Father be  
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen.**

## CANTICLES EVENING SERVICE IN E

Sydney Watson, 1903-1991

*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...*

§ *All sit.*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Ephesians 2.11-22*

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

§ *All stand.*

*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...*

#### 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...

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 GOD, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 RISE UP MY LOVE

Howard Skempton, b.1947

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. Song of Solomon, 2.10-14*

## BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

John Stainer, 1840-1901

Arr. Paul Brough, b.1963

*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.*

**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.**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: **Have mercy on us. [Three times]**

### TANTUM ERGO

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827 & John Stainer, 1840-1901

Arr. Paul Brough, b.1963

*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.*

Thou gavest them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

**Containing within itself all sweetness. Alleluia.**

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.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY CANTILÈNE**

Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937



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