

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION | 6pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 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 147.1-12

*O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the out-casts of Israel.*

*He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to heal their sickness. He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite. The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God; Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men; Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion. Glory be...*

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Zechariah 4.1-10*

And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

§ *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.

7<sup>th</sup> century Latin

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

## CANTICLES SECOND SERVICE

Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

*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 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.*

§ *All sit.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Revelation 21.1-14*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

§ *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, 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.**

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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 CHRIST RISING

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

*Christ rising again from the dead now dieth not. Death from henceforth hath no pow'r upon him. For in that he died he died but once to put away sin; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. And so likewise, count yourselves dead unto sin, but living unto God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Christ is risen again, the first fruits of them that sleep. For seeing that by man came death, by man also cometh the resurrection of the dead. For as by Adam all men do die, so by Christ all men shall be restored to life. Alleluia.*

Romans 6.9-11; 1 Corinthians 15.20-22

### BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611

*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

Tomás Luis de Victoria, c.1548-1611

*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.**

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Vincent Lübeck, 1654-1740



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