

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH MASS | 10th May, 2026, 11am

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; alleluia; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Isaiah 48.20

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 E

§ *All stand.*

Harold Darke, 1888-1976

THE COLLECT

God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son: grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who 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 17.22-31*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him & find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your

own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

PSALMODY 66.7-18

O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins. Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble. I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats. O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul. I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue. If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me. But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.15-18

Beloved: in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

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

§ *All stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St John 14.15-21*

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

I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your hearts shall rejoice. Alleluia...

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

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr Steve Rice

Rector, St Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, NC

§ *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.

§ *All stand.*

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
Thomas Weelkes, 1576-1623

Alleluia, I heard a voice as of strong thunderings, saying: Alleluia. Salvation and glory and honour and power be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore. Alleluia.

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

§ *All reply:*

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

We beseech thee, O Lord, to accept the prayers and oblations of thy faithful people: that through this observation of our bounden devotion, we may attain the glory of thy heavenly kingdom, 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. [x2]

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 shouldst 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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask my Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

§ *All kneel or sit to sing:*

**AT THE Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

From a Latin Breviary hymn
Tr Robert Campbell, 1814-1868

SALZBURG

Melody from J. Hintze, 1622-1702
Harmony by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life: may we ever thirst for thee, the spring of life and fountain of goodness, through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **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.**

§ *All sing.*

**LOVE Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

BLAENWERN

William Rowlands, 1860-1937

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 FLOURISH FOR AN OCCASION

William Henry Harris, 1883-1973

*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.*



*Collection is taken at the card reader at the back of church,
or using this QR code. Thank you for your support.*

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome back Fr Steve Rice!

A warm welcome to those visiting us from St Timothy's, Winston-Salem, and thank you to Fr Steve for preaching this morning.

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, 10th May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Moore | Armstrong Gibbs | Jackson | Wood

Monday, 11th May | Feria in Eastertide

12noon; 6.30pm

Tuesday, 12th May | St Pancras

12noon; 6.30pm

Wednesday, 13th May | Feria in Eastertide

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

Thursday, 14th May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12noon; 6.30pm High Mass

Preacher: Fr Graham Buckle

Cox *Missa Brevis* | Phillips | Bach

Friday, 15th May | Feria in Eastertide

12noon; 6.30pm

Saturday, 16th May | Feria in Eastertide

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

Sunday, 17th May

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

Preacher: *Fr Steve Rice*

Darke in E | Weelkes | Harris

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

Moore | Armstrong Gibbs | Jackson | Wood

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