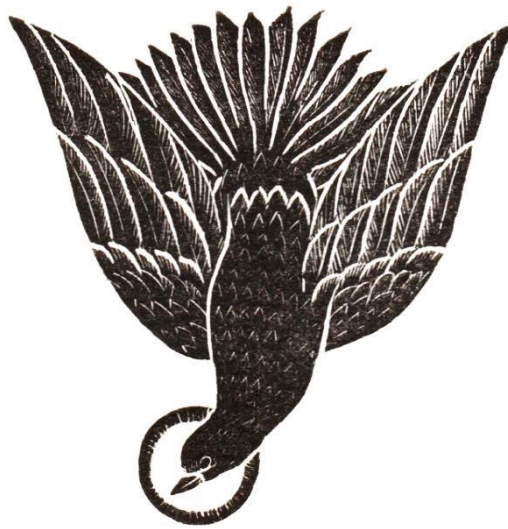


ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

PENTECOST SUNDAY



EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

6pm | Sunday, 24th May | 2026

§ *All stand to sing when the bell rings.*

**COME, thou Holy Spirit, come, and from thy celestial home
Shed thy light and brilliancy: Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here, come, the soul's true radiancy.**

**Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest,
Come in toil refreshingly: thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art the shadow from the heat, comfort in adversity.**

**O thou Light most pure and blest, shine within the inmost breast
Of thy faithful company: where thou art not, man has nought;
Every holy deed and thought comes from thy divinity.**

**Sinful hearts do thou make whole, bring to life the arid soul,
Guide the feet that go astray: make the stubborn heart unbend,
to the faint, new hope extend, wounded souls, their hurt allay.**

**Fill thy faithful, who confide in thy power to guard and guide,
With thy sevenfold Mystery: here thy grace and virtue send,
Grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity.**

Stephen Langton, d.1228

Tr J.M. Neale, 1816-1866

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Samuel Webbe the Elder, c.1740-1816

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

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 when the choir sits.*

PSALMODY 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us: That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. 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 *Joel 2.21-32*

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

§ *All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN



REJOICE, the year upon its way
Has brought again that blessed day
When on the Church by Christ our Lord
The Holy Spirit was outpoured.

From out the heavens a rushing noise
Came like the tempest's sudden voice,
And mingled with the Apostles' prayer,
Proclaiming loud that God was there.

Like quivering tongues of light and flame,
Upon each one the Spirit came:
Tongues, that the earth might hear their call,
And fire, that love might burn in all.

And so to all were spread abroad
The wonders of the works of God;
They knew the prophet's word fulfilled,
And owned the gift which God had willed.

**Look down, most gracious God, this day
Upon thy people as they pray;
And Christ the Lord upon us pour
The Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.**

4th century Latin

VENI CREATOR

CANTICLES MAGDALEN SERVICE

Kenneth Leighton, 1929-1988

*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 *Acts 2.14-21*

Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

§ *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: & to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be...

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.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 LOQUEBANTUR VARIIS LINGUIS

Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

*Loquebantur variis linguis apostoli, Alleluia,
magnalia Dei, Alleluia.*

*Repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto,
et ceperunt loqui magnalia Dei, Alleluia.*

Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Alleluia.

The apostles were speaking in different tongues, Alleluia,
of the mighty works of God, Alleluia.

All were filled with the Holy Spirit,

and began to speak of the mighty works of God, Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

Cf Acts 2

§ *All stand to sing.*

**SING to him in whom creation
Found its shape and origin;
Spirit, moving on the waters
Troubled by the God within;
Source of breath to all things breathing,
Life in whom all lives begin.**

**Sing to God, the close companion
Of our inmost thoughts and ways;
Who, in showing us his wonders,
Is himself the power to gaze,
And his will, to those who listen,
By a still small voice conveys.**

**Holy men, both priest and prophet,
Caught his accents, spoke his word;
His the truth behind the wisdoms
Which as yet know not our Lord;
He the love of God eternal,
Which in Christ was seen and heard.**

**Tell of how the ascended Jesus
Armed a people for his own;
How a hundred men and women
Turned the known world upside down,
To its dark and farthest corners
By the wind of Whitsun blown.**

**Pray we, then, O Lord the Spirit,
On our lives descend in might;
Let thy flame break out within us,
Fire our hearts and clear our sight,
Till, white-hot in thy possession,
We, too, set the world alight.**

Michael Hewlett, 1916-2000

REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart, 1818-1879

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

§ All kneel as the bell rings.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

*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]

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee: the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

§ *All kneel.*

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

§ *All stand.*

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

TANTUM ERGO

Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986

*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. 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.**

§ All stand at the bell.

Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Kenneth Leighton, 1929-1988



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