

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION | 6pm, 26th July, 2026

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

ANGELUS | St Luke 1.28; 38; 42

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made flesh. **And dwelt among us.** *Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour forth thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so, by his ☩ Cross and Passion, may we be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection, through the same 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.*

PSALMODY | 76 | NOTUS IN JUDÆA

In Jewry is God known: his name is great in Israel. At Salem is his tabernacle: and his dwelling in Sion. There brake he the arrows of the bow: the shield, the sword, and the battle. Thou art of more honour and might: than the hills of the robbers. The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep: and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob: both chariot and horse are fallen. Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry? Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven: the earth trembled, and was still. When God arose to judgement: and to help all the meek upon earth. The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise: and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain. Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are about him: bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall refrain the spirit of princes: and is wonderful among the kings of the earth. Glory be...

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | 1 Kings 6.11-14; 23-38

And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. So Solomon built the house, and finished it. And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. And he overlaid the cherubims with gold. And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without. And the floors of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side

posts were a fifth part of the wall. The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees. So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall. And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work. And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the month Zif: And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

OFFICE HYMN

§ *All stand.*



O BLEST CREATOR OF THE LIGHT,
**Who makest day with radiance bright,
 And o'er the forming world didst call
 The light from chaos first of all;**

*Whose wisdom joined in meet array
 The morn and eve, and named them Day:
 Night comes with all its darkling fears;
 Regard thy people's prayers and tears:*

**Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
 They lose the gift of endless life;
 While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
 They weave them chains of guilt and crime.**

*But grant them grace that they may strain
 The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
 Each harmful lure aside to cast,
 And purge away each error past.*

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

CANTICLES | FIRST SERVICE

Thomas Morley, 1557-1602

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 | Acts 12.1-17

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

§ *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 GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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.*

SUPER FLUMINA | G.P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein. *Psalms 137.1-2*

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT § *All kneel.*

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA | Heinrich Schütz, 1585-1672

*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 | G.P. da Palestrina, 1525-1594

*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.
Containing within itself all sweetness.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH

Georg Böhm, 1661-1733



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