

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



SOLEMN MASS

11am | Sunday, 13th September | 2026

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

**WE SING the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.**

**The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light;**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.**

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854

BOW BRICKHILL | NEH 94

Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Galatians 6.14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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.**

§ *The celebrant introduces the Mass.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, **we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, & keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MASS SETTING | **MISSA DITTES MAISTRESSE**

Orlando di Lasso, 1532-1594

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

§ *All sit when the celebrant has intoned the Gloria.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

§ *All stand.*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

§ *All sit.*

FIRST READING | Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.’ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, ‘We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY | 22.23-28

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him:

magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor:

he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation:

my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him;
your heart shall live for ever.*

*All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord:
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.*

For the kingdom is the Lord’s:

and he is the Governor among the people.

EPISTLE | Philippians 2.6-11

Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL | John 3.13-17

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

Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a Burden:

which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY | Fr Alan Rimmer

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, and 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 shall 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.

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 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.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

§ *All sit.*

OFFERTORY MOTET | O SUAVITAS ET DULCEDO

Philippe de Monte, 1521-1603

*O suavis et dulcedo humani generis, Jesu Christe, qui pro nostra salute in cruce
extensus fuisti, per omnia membra et ossa corporis tui, quae distenta in te et
dinumerata fuerunt: Rogo te, piissime Jesu, ut me miserum sic tibi jungas, quod per
prospera et adversa, huius saeculi a te nunquam possim separari. Amen.*

O sweetness & delight of the human race, Jesus Christ, who for our
salvation wast stretched upon the Cross, every limb and every bone of thy
body extended and numbered one by one: I beseech thee, most merciful
Jesus, so to knit me unto thyself, wretched as I am, that through the
prosperity and adversity of this present world I may never be separated
from thee.

Anon., Medieval prayer to the Crucified Christ

§ *All stand.*

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

**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.**

O Lord our God, who dost suffer us to be fulfilled with the Body and Blood
of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom thou hast sanctified unto us
the standard of the Cross: we humbly beseech thee; that like as we have
been counted worthy to venerate that Cross, so we may in everlasting glory

be made partakers of the saving benefits of the same; through the same 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. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces 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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

§ *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 his supper.

§ *All reply:*

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest 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.

Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | John 12.32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

§ *All sit or kneel to sing.*

**WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ROCKINGHAM | NEH 95

Adapted by Edward Miller, 1731-1807

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assist us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we whom thou dost suffer to rejoice in honouring the Holy Cross, may be defended by the perpetual succour of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Lift high...***

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Lift high...***

**Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,
The heirs of Adam their lost home regain. *Lift high...***

**From furthest regions let them homage bring,
And on his Cross adore their Saviour King. *Lift high...***

G.W. Kitchen, 1827-1912 &
M.R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

CRUCIFER | HA&M 633
Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

ANGELUS

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, 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.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour 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 we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | **FUGUE IN G MINOR** | BWV 542ii

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750



*Welcome to All Saints', especially if you are visiting.
Please join us in the courtyard for refreshments after Mass.
The Parish Bar will be open for an hour from 12.30pm.
Collection is taken at the card reader at the back of church,
or by using this QR code. Thank you for your support.*