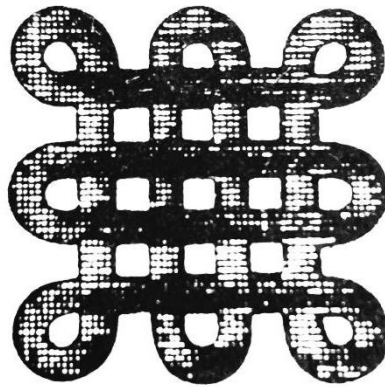


ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



**FIRST EVENSONG
& BENEDICTION**
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6.30pm | Saturday, 31st October | 2026

§ *All stand when the bell rings.*

**YE WATCHERS and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

LASST UNS ERFREUEN | NEH 478

R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

using phrases from an Easter hymn in
the Cologne *Geistliche Kirchengesäng* of 1623

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 | 40.1-14

I waited patiently for the Lord and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay: and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth: even a thanksgiving unto our God. Many shall see it, and fear: and shall put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord: and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward: and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee: If I should declare them, and speak of them: they should be more than I am able to express. Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened. Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation. I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth: from the great congregation. Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me. 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 | Ecclesiasticus 44.1-15

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent are their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

§ *All stand.*

OFFICE HYMN



Father, in whom thy saints are one,
Bought by the blood of thy dear Son,
We praise thee for thy hallowing grace
In those who now behold thy face.

*For they have gained eternal rest,
And in the heavenly mansions blest
They dwell among the angelic throng,
And hear the one unending song.*

**The patriarchs and prophets old
The heavenly splendour now behold;
The Baptist, herald of thy Son,
Enjoys the fruit of labour done.**

*But first among the saintly band,
The Mother, at her Son's right hand,
Adores the Saviour's endless love,
In that eternal home above.*

**The Twelve now see the Father's face,
While all who've run their earthly race
In one glad company rejoice
To hear the heavenly bridegroom's voice.**

*Father of all, to thee we pray,
Keep us for ever in the way
That leads us to the heavenly rest
Among the glories of the blest.*

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
All worship, love and honour be,
Both now and in eternity. Amen.**

G.B. Timms, 1910-1997

drawing on Latin hymns for All Saints

EXULTET COR | NEH 196a

MAGNIFICAT | St Luke 1.46-55

*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 19.6-10

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

§ *All stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS | St Luke 2.29-32

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 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 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 Catholic 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 who are able 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 hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; 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.**

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 | O QUAM GLORIOSUM

Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611

*O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

O how glorious the kingdom wherein the Saints rejoice with Christ!
Vested in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Cf. Revelation 7.9; 14.4

HOMILY | The Ven Katherine Hedderly

Archdeacon of Charing Cross

§ *All stand to sing.*

**O WHAT their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crown for the valiant; to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.**

**What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne?
What are the peace and the joy that they own?
Tell us, ye blest ones, that in it have share,
If what ye feel ye can fully declare.**

**Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,
'Vision of peace,' that brings joy evermore!
Wish and fulfillment can severed be ne'er,
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Sion shall sing;
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Thy blessed people shall evermore raise.**

**There dawns no sabbath, no sabbath is o'er,
Those sabbath-keepers have one and no more;
One and unending is that triumph-song
Which to the angels and us shall belong.**

Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,
We for that country must yearn and must sigh,
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

§ *All who are able kneel at the bell.*

Low before him with our praises we fall,
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;
Of whom, the Father; and through whom, the Son;
In whom, the Spirit, with these ever One.

Peter Abelard, 1079-1142

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

REGNATOR ORBIS | NEH 432

Melody adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

From La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA | Dmitry Bortniansky, 1751-1825

Arr Norman Caplin, 1925-2011

*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 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

§ *Silence is kept.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: **Have mercy on us.**

[Three times]

TANTUM ERGO | Basil Harwood, 1859-1949

Arr Norman Caplin, 1925-2011

*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.

Containing within itself all sweetness.

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.

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 | OWIE SELIG

Franz Schmidt, 1874-1939



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Sunday, 1st November | ALL SAINTS' DAY

8.30am Low Mass; 11am Pontifical High Mass

Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham

Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai | Byrd | Demessieux

5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm Evensong & Benediction with Te Deum

Jackson | Whitlock | Bramma | Howells | Sumsion

Monday, 2nd November | ALL SOULS' DAY

12noon Low Mass; 6.30pm High Mass of Requiem

Preacher: Fr Julian Browning Setting: Victoria Missa pro Defunctis

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