

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

ALL SOULS' DAY



HIGH MASS OF REQUIEM
FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

6.30pm | Monday, 2nd November | 2026

The music this evening is sponsored by
Kay McCormick Benefield, Br. William Henry Benefield, Jr.,
and Christopher George Bryan
in loving memory of
William Henry Benefield, Sr.

and in memory of **Harry Bramma** for his contribution
to the music ministry of this parish and the wider Church
during his lifetime.

May Light Perpetual Shine upon them.

MASS SETTING | **OFFICIUM DEFUNCTORUM 1605**

Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611

§ All stand when the sacristy bell rings.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT & KYRIE

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem: exaudi orationem meam. ad te omnis caro veniet.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving Passion and glorious Resurrection, that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises. 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 | Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY | 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

EPISTLE | Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL | St Luke 7.11-17

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

Out of the deep I have called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

Psalm 130.1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY | Fr Julian Browning

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in thy mercy: **grant them rest.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

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

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The peace of the Christ be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

§ *All sit.*

OFFERTORIUM

Domine Iesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu. Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum: sed signifer Sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam: Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius. Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus: tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus: fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam, Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all who died in the faith from the pains of hell and from the deep pit. Deliver them from the lion's mouth, lest the jaws of hell swallow them, lest they fall into everlasting darkness. But let St Michael, the leader of hosts, bring them forth into thy holy light, as thou promised before to Abraham and to his seed. We offer sacrifice and prayers of praise unto thee, O Lord: receive them on behalf of those souls whom we remember this day: grant them, O Lord, to pass over from death to life, as thou promised before to Abraham and to his seed.

§ *All stand as the congregation is censed.*

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We beseech thee, O Lord, to have mercy on the souls of thy servants for whom we offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: and we most humbly entreat thy majesty, that this our service being acceptable in thy sight, they may be found worthy to attain to everlasting rest. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **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.

§ The celebrant sings the preface.

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.

§ The Canon concludes:

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

THE COMMUNION RITE

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, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

§ *All respond:*

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.

It is distributed at one station to the west of the catafalque.

Low-gluten hosts are available.

COMMUNIO

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis, cum Sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord. With thy Saints forever, for thou art merciful. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them, with thy Saints forever, for thou art merciful. May they rest in peace. Amen.

TAEDET ANIMAM MEAM | Job 10.1-7

Taedet animam meam vitae meae, dimittam adversum me eloquium meum, loquar in amaritudine animae meae. Dicam Deo: Noli me condemnare: indica mihi cur me ita judices. Numquid bonum tibi videtur, si calumnieris me et opprimas me, opus manuum tuarum, et consilium impiorum adjuves? Numquid oculi carnei tibi sunt: aut sicut videt homo, et tu videbis? Numquid sicut dies hominis dies tui, et anni tui sicut humana sunt tempora, ut quaeras iniquitatem meam, et peccatum meum scruteris? Et scias quia nihil impium fecerim, cum sit nemo qui de manu tua possit eruere.

My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me. Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked? Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth? Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days, That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin? Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

§ *All kneel or sit to sing.*

**CHRIST, enthroned in highest Heaven,
Hear us crying from the deep,
For the faithful ones departed,
For the souls of all that sleep;
As thy kneeling Church entreateth,
Hearken, Shepherd of the sheep.**

**King of glory, hear our voices,
Grant the faithful rest, we pray:
We have sinned and may not bide it,
If thou mark our steps astray,
Yet we plead that saving victim,
Which for them we bring today.**

That which thou thyself hast offered
To thy Father, offer we:
By thy sacrifice, O Jesu,
From sin's burden set them free;
Hear us, loving friend of sinners,
Merciful and gracious be.

They are thine, O take them to thee;
Thou their Hope, O raise them high;
In thy mercy trusting,
Confident we make our cry
That the souls whom thou hast purchased
May unto thy heart be nigh.

Let thy plenteous loving-kindness,
On them, evermore be poured;
Let them through thy boundless mercy,
Be to boundless life restored,
And within thy Father's mansions
Give to each a place, O Lord.

Where the saints, thy throne surrounding,
Join in the angelic song,
Where thy Mother, raised in glory,
Leads the great redeemed throng,
Grant that we, with souls departed,
May through grace at length belong.

Latin, 13th century Sequence

After Psalm 130

Tr R.F. Littledale 1833-1890

AD PERENNIS VITAE FONTEM | NEH 327

Tours Breviary, 1781

§ *All stand.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of love, grant that the death and resurrection of Christ, which we have celebrated in this sacrament may bring us, with all the faithful departed, into the peace of thine eternal home; through Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and eternity. **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION OF THE DEAD

Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the souls of thy servants from every bond of sin: that in the glory of the resurrection they may be raised up amid thy Saints and elect unto newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

§ *The priest makes the sign of the cross over the catafalque.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

§ *The catafalque, representing the souls of all the faithful departed, is sprinkled and censed.*

IN PARADISUM

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Ierusalem. Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

May the angels take you into paradise. May the martyrs come to welcome you on your way, and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of angels welcome you, and with Lazarus who once was poor, may you have everlasting life.

Juan Esquivel, c.1560-c.1625

§ *The Sacred Ministers depart.*

Sunday, 8th November | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.30am Low Mass; 10.55am High Mass *with Act of Remembrance*

Preacher: *The Vicar*

Fauré *Requiem* | Mendelssohn | Bach

5.15pm Low Mass; 6pm *Evensong & Benediction*

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