

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
EVENSONG & BENEDICTION | 6pm, 11th October, 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 | 139.1-18 | DOMINE, PROBASTI

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before. Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways. For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence? If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also. If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day. Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to thee are both alike. For my reins are thine: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. My bones are not hid from thee: though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect: and in thy book were all my members written; Which day by day were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them! If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I wake up I am present with thee. Glory be...

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Proverbs 3.1-18

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth;

even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

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.

Latin, c.8th century

Tr Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936

EVENING SERVICE FOR FIVE VOICES

Thomas Weelkes, 1576-1623

MAGNIFICAT | 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 | 1 John 3.1-15

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

§ *All stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS | 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
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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.*

O JESU CHRIST, MEIN LEBENS LICHT | J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

§ *All kneel.*

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA | William Byrd, c.1540-1623

*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 | William Byrd, c.1540-1623

*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.

§ 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.**

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY | CORNET VOLUNTARY IN D MINOR

John Blow, 1649-1708



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