

All Saints Margaret Street
- Sung Mass at Noon -
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

ENTRANCE CHANT

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Kyrie Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's
Kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,
'Ask what I should give you.'

And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant
my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in
righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept
for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his
throne today.

And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my
father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or
come in.

And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a
great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people,
able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great
people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for
yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for
yourself understanding to discern what is right,

I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning
mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise
after you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 119.57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Response: Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.26-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

I call you friends, says the Lord,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with* three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'

And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY MOTET Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, accept these offerings,
which we have drawn from your bountiful goodness,
that by the working of your grace
these sacred mysteries may sanctify our lives on earth
and lead us to the joys of life eternal.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION CHANT

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 361

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
The world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ restores
True peace, true love, to humankind.

VOLUNTARY: Passacaglia (Op 156 no. 11) Rheinberger (1839-1901)