



# Parish Eucharist

for the Third Sunday of Lent

08 March 2026

10am



**ST MARGARET'S**  
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's. The church operates a hearing loop system. Please turn your hearing aid to the "T" position. Please take a moment before our service begins to pray. A voluntary and introit may be played.

**Introit**

Ave Maria by Jacob Arcadelt/A. Ridout  
(Text: Luke 1)

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Please stand as you are able:*

**Praise to the Holiest in the height  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!**

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self  
and essence all-divine.

**And in the garden secretly  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren and  
inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!**

GERONTIUS

J B Dykes 1823-76

John Henry Newman 1801-90

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the welcome.*

*All* **Almighty God, to whom  
all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from  
whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit that we may  
perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify  
your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned  
upon the world through our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, who  
sacrificed himself for us to

purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

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

*The choir and congregation sings:*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose most  
dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain and  
entered not into glory before  
he was crucified: mercifully  
grant that we, walking in the  
way of the cross, may find it  
none other than the way of  
life and peace; 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated. The children go  
through to Sunday School.*

### Exodus 17.1-7

A reading from the book of  
Exodus.

From the wilderness of sin the  
whole congregation of the  
Israelites journeyed by stages,  
as the Lord commanded.  
They camped at Rephidim,  
but there was no water for the  
people to drink. The people  
quarrelled with Moses and  
said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

5 Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

**Bless the Lord my soul, and bless  
God's holy name  
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads  
in into life.**

### Romans 5.1-11

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

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 afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, 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, therefore, since we have now 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.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

*Praise to You, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory. Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

***Praise to You, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory. Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory.***

*Repent, say the Lord, repent, says the Lord. For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

***Praise to You, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory. Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory.***

#### John 4, 5-42

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

*The congregation sings:*

**All Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was

sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"

(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be

thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is

coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see

how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All Praise to You, O Christ.*

*The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.*

## The Sermon

Rev'd Sarah Curl

*Please be seated.*

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please be seated.*

Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*The response is:*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*The intercessions conclude:*

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

### The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
though our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his  
grace.

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another  
a sign of peace.

*The peace is shared.*

Be still, my soul:  
the Lord is at your side;  
bear patiently  
the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God  
to order and provide;  
in every change  
he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul:  
your best, your heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways  
leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul:  
your God doth undertake  
to guide the future  
as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence  
let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious  
shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul:  
the tempests still obey  
his voice, who ruled  
them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul:  
the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be  
forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment,  
grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten,  
love's pure joy restored,

### The Collection

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- You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:



**Be still, my soul:  
when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed  
we shall meet at last.**

FINLANDIA  
Katharina Von Schlegel b 1697  
trans Jane L Borthwick 1813-1897  
Jean Sibelius 1865-1957

### Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the  
splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and  
on earth is yours.

All things come from you,  
All **and of your own do we give you.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you

And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The congregation is seated.*

It is indeed right and good to  
give you thanks and praise,

almighty God and everlasting  
Father, through Jesus Christ  
your Son, for in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of  
repentance that through a  
pilgrimage of prayer and  
discipline we may grow in  
grace and learn to be your  
people once again. Through  
fasting, prayer and acts of  
service you bring us back to  
your generous heart. Through  
study of your holy word you  
open our eyes to your presence  
in the world and free our hands  
to welcome others into the  
radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the  
Easter feast with joyful hearts  
and minds we bless you for  
your mercy and join with saints  
and angels, for ever praising  
you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you,  
loving Father, through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord; and as we  
obey his command, send your  
Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and  
blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he  
had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised  
you. He broke the bread, gave  
it to them and said: Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given  
for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he  
took the cup of wine. Again he  
praised you, gave it to them  
and said: Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you  
and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as  
often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all  
that Jesus did, in him we plead  
with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the  
cross. Bringing before you the  
bread of life and cup of  
salvation, we proclaim his  
death and resurrection until he

comes in glory.

*All*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work  
together for that day when  
your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be  
seen in all the earth. Look with  
favour on your people, gather  
us in your loving arms and  
bring us with the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, St Margaret and  
all the saints to feast at your  
table in heaven. Through  
Christ, and with Christ, and in  
Christ, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all honour and glory are  
yours, O loving Father, for ever  
and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Silence is held.*

As our Saviour taught us,  
so we pray:

*All*

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name;**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil;  
for the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.  
We break this bread to share  
in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are  
one body because we all  
share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.**

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

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say the  
word, and I shall be healed.**

### The Communion

- *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*
- *The sacrament is distributed from front and back of church. Please follow the sides-persons instructions.*
- *If you would like a blessing please bring your order of service to indicate this.*

### Anthem

Panis Angelicus by César Franck  
(Text: St Thomas Aquinas)

### Prayers after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your  
people grace to withstand the  
temptations of the world, the  
flesh and the devil and with  
pure hearts and minds to  
follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The Notices are given.*

*The children present their work.*

*Please stand for our closing hymn.*

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
me through change and chance  
he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call, one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

MICHAEL

*Robert Bridges 1844-1930*

*Herbert Howells 1892-1983*

## The Blessing & Dismissal

Let us pray for God's blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in  
holiness, to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow  
him; and the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

*A voluntary may be played.*

*Refreshments are served  
in the kitchen.*

