



Parish Eucharist

for the second Sunday before Lent

8th February 2026



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.

*Introit: God be in my head - J. Rutter
(Text Prayer from the Sarum Primer)*

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldest do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

CARLISLE
Edwin Hatch 1835-1898
Charles Lockhart 1745-1815

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Please sit 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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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.

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.

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty
God and Father,
we worship You,
we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, Glory to God,

Glory to God in the highest.

**For You alone are the Holy One, You
alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God, the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have
created the heavens and the
earth and made us in your own
image: teach us to discern your
hand in all your works and your
likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who with you and the
Holy Spirit reigns supreme over
all things, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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

Genesis 1.1-2.3

A reading from the book of
Genesis.

In the beginning when God
created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and
darkness covered the face of the

deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light' and there was light; and God saw that the light was good and God separated the light from the darkness and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome and it was so; and there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place and let the dry land appear' and it was so. God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas and God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it' and it was so. God saw that it was good; and there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let

them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth' and it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God saw that it was good; and there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind, and God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas and let birds multiply on the earth;' and there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind' and it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind and God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our

image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food;' and it was so. God saw everything that he had made and, indeed, it was very good; and there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude and on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done and he rested on the seventh

day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation

The reader concludes

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious

All For his mercy endures forever.

*Give thanks to the God of gods,
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
who alone does great wonders,
who by wisdom made the
heavens,
who laid out the earth upon the
waters,
who made the great lights
the sun to rule the day,
the moon and the stars to
govern the night,
who remembered us when we
were in trouble
and delivered us from our
enemies,
who gives food to all creatures.
Give thanks to the God of
heaven.*

Romans 8.18-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies, for in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel:

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

**All Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

Choir *May the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes
of our mind so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us.*

**All Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

Dom Alan Rees

Matthew 6.25-end

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

The congregation sings:

All Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more

than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.

The sermon

Please be seated

The Creed

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:

Lord, in your mercy,

All 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.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Collection

- Please fill in a gift-aid envelope if you are a UK tax payer.
- Contactless Machines are available at the back of church if you wish to donate by card
- You can go straight to our secure giving page by scanning the QR code:



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

Prayer over the Gifts

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer; and
grant that our whole life may

give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All things come from you,

All and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you And also 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.

Father, we give you thanks and
praise through your beloved
Son Jesus Christ, your living
Word, through whom you have
created all things, who was sent
by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour. By the power
of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed
Virgin, he lived on earth and
went about among us; he
opened wide his arms for us on

the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever 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.**

D Thorne b. 1962

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

D Thorne b. 1962

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.

The Fraction

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.

D Thorne b. 1962

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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

Anthem: *From the rising sun* - F. A. Gore Ouseley (Text Malachi I, v. 11)

Prayers after Communion

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the
heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the
heart of your Church: may we
who have been nourished at
your table on earth be
transformed by the glory of the
Saviour's cross and enjoy the
delights of eternity; 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 children present their work from
Sunday School.*

The notices are given.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish,
like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish;
but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

ST DENIO

W Chalmers Smith 1824-1908
Adptd from Welsh song in John Roberts's

The Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The peace of God, which
passes all understanding, keep
your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God and
of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always.

Please join us for tea and coffee in the church.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

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

Organ voluntary

Con Grandezza - C. Vincent