



Parish Eucharist

for the First Sunday of Lent

22 February 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.

Introit: Cantate Domino

G. O. Pitoni/ed. R. R. Terry (Text Psalm 148
trans. F. Jackson)

The word is near you, on your lips
and in your heart.

Please stand as you are able:

**Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.**

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

**So shall we have peace divine,
holier gladness ours shall be,
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.**

AUS DER TIEFE
G H Smyttan 1822-70
and Francis Pott 1832-1909
Melody att. to Martin Herbst 1654-81
M.N. in Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch 1676

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 Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make

one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*The reader concludes:
This is the word of the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

**Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the
guilt of my Sin**

For I held my tongue : my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

Your hand was heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

**Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the
guilt of my Sin**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you : and my iniquity I did not hide; I said 'I will confess my

transgressions to the Lord' : and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my Sin

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble : in the great water flood, it shall not reach them. You are a place for me to hide in, you preserve me from trouble : you surround me with songs of deliverance.

Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my Sin

'I will instruct you, and teach you in the way that you should go : I will guide you with my eye.

'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'

Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my Sin

Great tribulations remain for the wicked : but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Refrain: Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my Sin

Romans 5.12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus

Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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.**

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.

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

Matthew 4:1-11

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 Christ our Saviour.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit
into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days and
forty nights, and afterwards he
was famished. The tempter
came and said to him, 'If you
are the Son of God, command
these stones to become
loaves of bread.'

But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread
alone, but by every word that
comes from the mouth of
God." ' Then the devil took
him to the holy city and
placed him on the pinnacle of
the temple, saying to him,
'If you are the Son of God,
throw yourself down; for it is
written, "He will command his
angels concerning you", and
"On their hands they will bear
you up, so that you will not
dash your foot against a
stone." ' Jesus said to him,

'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Gospel will be followed by a voluntary.

The Sermon

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.

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.

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.

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

The Collection

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*Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.*

Other refuge have I none,

hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is
found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

ABERYSTWYTH
Charles Wesley 1707-88
Joseph Parry 1841-1903

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



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:
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 bow your head to indicate this.

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.

Anthem: The Lord bless you and
keep you

J. Rutter (Text Numbers 6:24)

The Notices are given.

The children present their work.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

Prayers after Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed
us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,

**fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

MANNHEIM

James Edmeston 1791-1867

Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876

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.**

Closing Voluntary: Con Grandezza -

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*Refreshments are served
in the kitchen.*