



Parish Eucharist

for the Second Sunday of Lent

01 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:

Song 44 Veni Creator - O. Gibbons

No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

Please stand as you are able:

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said
he, and I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be
and I'll lead you all
in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John –

they came with me
and the dance went on.
Dance, then, wherever you may
be...

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high;
and they left me there on a cross to
die.
Dance, then, wherever you may
be...

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black –
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go
on.
Dance, then, wherever you may
be...

They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may
be...

LORD OF THE DANCE
Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

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, you show to
those who are in error the light
of your truth, that they may
return to the way of
righteousness: grant to all
those who are admitted into
the fellowship of Christ's

religion that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 12.1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The reader concludes:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Pride of man 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.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man 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*

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only

to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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.

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

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

John 3:1-17

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 there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows

where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 Kieron Rowley

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.

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:



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, unceasing
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

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.
All **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 bow your head to indicate this.*

Anthem:

Ave Verum Corpus - W. A. Mozart

Prayers after Communion

Almighty God, you see that we
have no power of ourselves to
help ourselves: keep us both
outwardly in our bodies and
inwardly in our souls that we
may be defended from all
adversities which may happen
to the body and from all evil
thoughts which may assault
and hurt the soul; 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.

Banns are read.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

From heaven you came helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, The Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' he said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each others needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick b.1950

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.**

Organ Voluntary:
Processional March - E.
Guiraud

Please join us for tea and coffee after the service.