

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



The second Sunday of Lent



Sunday 16th March 2025

10:30 am



London Pro Arte Choir



Saturday 22 March 2025 at 7:30pm

St Michael's Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill NW7 2JA

Puccini – Messa di Gloria Verdi – Stabat Mater and works by Rossini, Puccini, Verdi



Phoebe Tak Man Chow - Organ

Tom Winpenny - Conductor

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The Processional Hymn (NEH 401)

Please stand

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

2 There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

3 There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

4 O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

5 Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

The Greeting

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

The priest introduces the service

Prayer of Preparation

**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

In a moment of quietness, let us prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries by calling to mind
the ways in which we have failed God and our neighbour,
and then 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.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon us,
 pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
 confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
 and keep us in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and the Choir, with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.' The second staff is for the Cantor and the Choir, with the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff is for the Cantor and the Choir, with the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.' The Cantor's part is marked 'Cantor' and the Choir's part is marked 'Choir'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor *Choir* *All*
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Cantor *Choir* *All*
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Cantor *Choir* *All*
 Lord have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

The Lent Prose



Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

To thee redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings;
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father,
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Collect

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.

First Reading

Please be seated

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'
⁸But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then I shall fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then I shall be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh :
they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid :
and though there rose up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit his temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle :
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.
- 6 And now shall he lift up mine head :
above mine enemies round about me.
- 7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness :
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
- 8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee :
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn (NEH 68)

Please stand

Jesu, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:
By thy mercy,
O deliver us, good Lord.

2 From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:
By thy mercy,
O deliver us, good Lord.

3 When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour:
By thy mercy,
O deliver us, good Lord.

4 In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When the creature's help is vain:
By thy mercy,
O deliver us, good Lord.

5 In the solemn hour of dying,
In the face of judgement day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our rock and stay:
By thy mercy,
O deliver us, good Lord.

6 Jesu, may thy promised blessing
Comfort to our souls afford;
May we now, thy love possessing,
And at length our full reward,
Ever praise thee,
Good and ever-glorious Lord.

The Gospel



The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4: 1-13

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him,
'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'

³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me,

"Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today
and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way,
because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed
away from Jerusalem."

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired
to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings, and you were not willing!

³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you,
you will not see me until the time comes when you say,
"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated

The Creed

Please stand

**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, or kneel if you prefer

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All: Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound

We remember by name:

Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Arlen, Ashraf Jafari, Fr Barry Wright, Beryl, Catherine Dalglish, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine, Christopher Brown, Chris Robins. Colin Izzard, Colin Power, Claire, Clifford Brown, Crystal, Daniel Ejelonu, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy, Fr David Sharpe, Fr Desmond Tillyer, Devon White, Edd Heimrich, Edna McGregor, Edward, Evelyn Semlyen, Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Jordan, Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Lauren Reeves, Lisa Sweet, Logan, Mark, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy, Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Muriel Doris Bloch, Nicola, Nicole, Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray, Rella Persaud, Remi Babatunde, Robert Winston, Saffron Leigh, Sandra, Sarah, Sebastian, Susan and Vanessa Husarov, Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Thelma Martin, Valerie Snowden, Venita Delpino, Victoria.

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

Janet Logan, Kefa Sewagudde Mpundu and Howard Longman.

And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Beryl Hart, Hazel Rose Bevans, Charles Wray (priest), Herbert Kemp, Eileen Liu, John Wilson, Dick Smith and Ernest Bassett Hartley (priest).

May they rest in peace,

All: And rise in glory.

Merciful Father

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized 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 Offertory Hymn (NEH 72)

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

The Preparation of the Altar

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow er and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

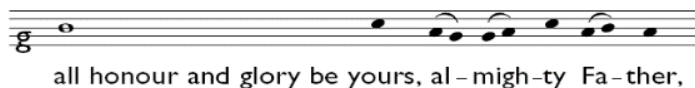
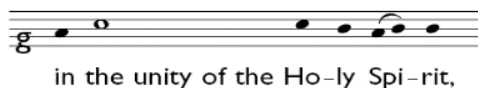
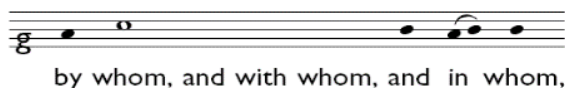


Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain. Murray

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 St Michael and all the angels and saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:



Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
 And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
 For thine is the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men...

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei



Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* have mer - cy on us
Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* have mer - cy on us
Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

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

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are warmly
welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

Any member of the congregation may receive a blessing.

*Those wishing to receive a blessing should please bring
this order of service with them.*



The Communion Hymns (NEH 69)

Lord, in this thy mercy's day,
Ere it pass for ay away,
On our knees we fall and pray.

2 Lord, on us thy Spirit pour,
Kneeling lowly at the door,
Lest it close for evermore.

3 By thy night of agony,
By thy supplicating cry,
By thy willingness to die.

4 By thy tears of bitter woe,
For Jerusalem below,
Let us not thy love forgo.

5 Grant us 'neath thy wings a place,
Lest we lose the day of grace,
Ere we shall behold thy face.

(NEH 74)

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:

3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:

4 A heart in every thought renewed,
 And full of love divine;
 Perfect and right and pure and good,
 A copy, Lord, of thine.

5 My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
 Till thou create my peace;
 Till of mine Eden repossess,
 From self, and sin, I cease.

6 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
 Come quickly from above;
 Write thy new name upon my heart,
 Thy new best name of love.

The Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Notices

The Blessing

Please stand

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.

All: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn (NEH 76)

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

2 Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Services and events this week

- Today: 12:00 **Muddy Church** – a gentle walk in Mill Hill Park and a short time of worship in Arrandene Open Space
6:30pm **Be:Loved** – a fresh expression of worship in the Hartley Hall foyer
- **Morning Prayer** - Monday to Thursday 10:00am on Zoom only
- Tuesday 18th March 7:30pm – **“Walking with Jesus”**
Lent Course at Trinity Church and on Zoom
- **Weekday Mass** – Wednesday at 10:30am on Zoom only
Friday 10:00am on Zoom only
- Wednesday 19th March – **Community Banquet**
in Hartley Hall Green Room
- Saturday 22nd March
7:30pm **Pro Arte Choir** concert in the church
- Sunday 23rd March – third Sunday of Lent
8:00am **said Mass** in the church
10:30am **Parish Mass** in the church
also streaming on Zoom
6:30pm **Be:Loved** – a fresh expression of worship in the Hartley Hall foyer

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Electoral Roll Renewal

In every parish there must be a church Electoral Roll on which the names of lay persons are entered. It is your parish's register of electors who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which this year is scheduled to take place on Sunday 25th May.

The Electoral Roll is normally just revised annually, but every sixth year it must be completely renewed, meaning that everyone on the current Roll must come off and re-apply.

Whether you are on our existing Roll or not, you will therefore need to complete a fresh Electoral Roll form. This can be done between 27th March and 10th May, either by collecting a form from the church or downloading a copy from our website.

- Daniel Ejelonu

Parish Electoral Roll Officer

JOYCE HUGGETT

Lent Course

Walking with Jesus

Tuesdays in Lent

at 7:30pm

from 11th March

Trinity Church

100 The Broadway NW7 3TB

A reflective group study course
for Lent to Easter

Also available on Zoom



Community Banquet



Please join us for some home cooked food, hot drinks and fellowship. All are welcome and if you can please bring a dish to share (ingredients must be labelled)

This community banquet is brought to you by the
NW7Hub & St Michael & All Angels, Mill Hill

Next Banquet
Wednesday 19th
March 2025

12.30 Doors Open
1- 2pm Lunch

Future Banquets

12.02.25

19.03.25

16.04.25

14.05.25

18.06.25

16.07.25

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