

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.

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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
26th OCTOBER 2025

THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
With HOLY BAPTISM
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Missa O Quam Gloriosum (1583)

by **Tomás Luis de Victoria** (c.1548–1611)

Hymns in NEH (green book). Please join in with the **Bold Type**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The first movement of worship is to leave our homes and come to church.

This is an act of faith because we come to church to meet Christ.

The experience of worship is enhanced by being in church early.

This provides a time of transition to free our minds from the distractions of the world and, as Psalm 46 says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

We pray that God will reveal himself to you in a new way today.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the **Introit, O quam gloriosum** (Magnificat Antiphon at Second Vespers on the Feast of All Saints) by **Tomás Luis de Victoria** (c.1548–1611).

Written during Victoria's time in Rome, when he was organist at the Aragonese church, Santa Maria di Monserrato (1572)

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo, cum Christo, gaudent omnes Sancti;
amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.

*O how glorious the kingdom
wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ;
clothed in white robes
they follow the Lamb wherever He goes.*

Stand

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Cf. Psalm 130: 3,4

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 197

For all the Saints (Tune: Sine Nomine)

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue:)

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

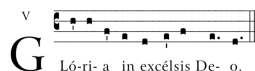
The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Gloria in Excelsis



G / et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Ló-ri- a in excelsis De- o. / Laudámus te, benedicimus te,
/ adorámus te, glorificámus te,
/ grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam,
/ Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, / Deus Pater omnipotens.
/ Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis;
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecationem nostram.
/ Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserére nobis.
/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,
/ tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spíritu:
/ * in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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. Amen.*

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Apocalypse of S. John the Divine

A reading from the Revelation to Saint John the Divine (7: 9-17)

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 sung by the choir

Domini est terra

¹ THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

² For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord :

or who shall rise up in his holy place?

⁴ Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This is the generation of them that seek him :
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.

⁹ Who is the King of glory :
it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.
¹⁰ Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John (3: 1-3)

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

✠ **Alleluia!** Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. *S. Matthew 11: 28* ✠ **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Matthew (5:1-12)**
Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

¶ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Paschal Candle is lit.

The parents and Godparents bring the candidate for baptism (Jane Thelma Coote) to the front of the church and stand before the priest.

Introduction to Holy Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin
that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

THE RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

What name have you given your child?

Parents: N.

What do you ask of God's Church for *N.*?

Parents: Baptism.

The priest addresses the parents.

You have asked to have your children baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training *her* in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring *her* up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.

Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

The priest turns to the godparents.

Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are.

The priest addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome *N.* and uphold *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

The parents and godparents face WEST (towards the main doors).

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

The parents and godparents face EAST (towards the High Altar).

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The priest makes the sign ✠ of the cross
on the forehead of the child with the oil of baptism.*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign ✠ of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver ✠ you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Procession to the Font.

The Litany of the Saints

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

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

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

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,

All you holy *angels* and *archangels,*

S. John the Baptist,

S. Joseph,

All you holy *patriarchs, matriarchs* and *prophets,*

Ss. Peter and Paul,

S. Andrew,

S. James,

S. John,

S. Mary Magdalene,

S. Stephen,

S. Ignatius of Antioch,

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity,

All you holy *apostles* and *evangelists,*

All you holy *martyrs,*

S. Augustine & S. Monica,

S. Benedict & S. Scholastica,

S. Francis & S. Clare of Assisi,

Ss. NN.,

All you holy *men* and *women,*

Lord, be merciful.

Lord, save your people.

From all evil,

From everlasting death,

By your holy incarnation,

By your death and rising to new life,

By your gift of the Holy Spirit,

Be merciful to us sinners.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give new life to *this chosen one* by the grace of baptism,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Christ, hear us,

Christ, hear us.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,

Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer.

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest pours water into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain,
refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved
in the beginning of creation.

Through water, you led the children of Israel
from slavery to freedom in the promised land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

The priest touches the water with his right hand saying:

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
she may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Regenerated in your image, may *she* walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers,
I ask you to profess together with *Jane Thelma*,
the Faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Priest says,

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful
to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The priest pours water on the candidate's head three times and says,

Jane Thelma,
I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE CLOTHING WITH A WHITE GARMENT

A white shawl is placed around the shoulders of the newly baptised.

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.



ANointing WITH CHRISM

*The priest anoints the newly baptised child with the oil of Chrism
on her forehead making the Chi-Rho symbol
(the first two letters of Christ in Greek),
saying,*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle
and gives it to a parent or godparent of the child.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE EPHPHATHA RITE

(An Aramaic word used by Jesus, S. Mark 7: 34)

*The priest, using his right thumb,
touches the ears and the lips of the child and says:*

'Ephphatha', that is 'be opened',
that you may profess the faith you hear,
to the praise and glory of God.

COMMISSION

The Priest addresses the congregation, parents and godparents.

Jane Thelma,

Today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life,
and to bring you safely to heaven.
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.
Together with all God's people
you must explore the way
of Jesus Christ and his kingdom,
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for all people, including your enemies,
by seeking justice and peace,
and through the practice of solidarity and serving others,
especially the poor and oppressed.
You will share and participate within the Body of Christ
through word and sacrament.
You will seek the unity of the Church,
and look forward to the day
when Christ shall make all things new.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Jane Thelma,

by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you
into the fellowship of faith;
we are children
of the same heavenly Father;
we are inheritors together
of the kingdom of God.
We welcome you.**

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness saying: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Bless Stephen our Archbishop, Christopher our Bishop, and Alastair, his assistant; our Parish Priest Fr Paul; all sacred ministers of your Church, and all your Holy People, so that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 2

Empower us by the gift of your Holy and Life-giving Spirit that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 3

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. We especially remember... *(Celebrant adds ...)* Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 4

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all those who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 5

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We pray for all whose names are written on our prayer board and also *(Celebrant reads the names...)* Lord in your mercy.

Celebrant

Remember in your mercy those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve us who live here in your faith, guide us to your kingdom, and grant us your peace at all times. We pray for the recently departed, especially...

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time especially....

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, **Pray for us.** **S. Paul** the Apostle, our Patron, **Ss. Simon & Jude**, Apostles, **S. Joseph** of Nazareth, **S. Augustine & S. Monica**, **S. Benedict & S. Scholastica**, **S. Francis & S. Clare** of Assisi, **All you angels & saints.**

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

Remain standing

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 401

Light's abode, celestial Salem (Tune: Regent Square)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánnā in excelsis.

✠ Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánnā in excelsis.

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

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

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:
AMEN.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.

*In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and grant us
the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *S. Matthew 5: 8-10*

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still
and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received,
his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace
and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

Choir sings the Communion Motet, Justorum animae,

(Text: Wisdom 3:1-2a,3b), 1605, in Gradualia I, no. 31,

Offertory for the Feast of All Saints, as set by William Byrd (c. 1539/40-1623)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.

The Communion Hymn: 427

O Praise ye the Lord (Tune: Laudate Dominum)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF the late POPE FRANCIS
GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE
ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12). Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).

THE SAINTS "NEXT DOOR"

6. Nor need we think only of those already beatified and canonized. The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people, for "it has pleased God to make men and women holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather as a people who might acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness". In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people.

109. The powerful witness of the saints is revealed in their lives, shaped by the Beatitudes and the criterion of the final judgement. Jesus' words are few and straightforward, yet practical and valid for everyone, for Christianity is meant above all to be put into practice. It can also be an object of study and reflection, but only to help us better live the Gospel in our daily lives. I recommend rereading these great biblical texts frequently, referring back to them, praying with them, trying to embody them. They will benefit us; they will make us genuinely happy.

176. I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: "Hail Mary..."

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 19 March, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, in the year 2018, the sixth of my Pontificate.

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Video Message of Pope Francis on the occasion of the Fourth Meeting of Popular Movements, 16 October 2021.

"I ask everyone in the name of God.

I ask all the great pharmaceutical laboratories to release the patents. Make a gesture of humanity and allow every country, every people, every human being, to have access to the vaccines. There are countries where only three or four per cent of the inhabitants have been vaccinated.

In the name of God, I ask financial groups and international credit institutions to allow poor countries to assure "the basic needs of their people" and to cancel those debts that so often are contracted against the interests of those same peoples.

In the name of God, I ask the great extractive industries - mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness - to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people.

In the name of God, I ask the great food corporations to stop imposing monopolistic systems of production and distribution that inflate prices and end up withholding bread from the hungry.

In the name of God, I ask arms manufacturers and dealers to completely stop their activity, because it foments violence and war, it contributes to those awful geopolitical games which cost millions of lives displaced and millions dead.

In the name of God, I ask the technology giants to stop exploiting human weakness, people's vulnerability, for the sake of profits without caring about the spread of hate speech, grooming, fake news, conspiracy theories, and political manipulation.

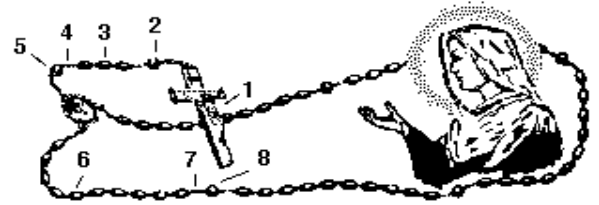
In the name of God, I ask the telecommunications giants to ease access to educational material and connectivity for teachers via the internet so that poor children can be educated even under quarantine.

In the name of God, I ask the media to stop the logic of post-truth, disinformation, defamation, slander and the unhealthy attraction to dirt and scandal, and to contribute to human fraternity and empathy with those who are most deeply damaged.

In the name of God, I call on powerful countries to stop aggression, blockades and unilateral sanctions against any country anywhere on earth. No to neo-colonialism. Conflicts must be resolved in multilateral fora such as the United Nations. We have already seen how unilateral interventions, invasions and occupations end up; even if they are justified by noble motives and fine words.

This system, with its relentless logic of profit, is escaping all human control. It is time to slow the locomotive down, an out-of-control locomotive hurtling towards the abyss. There is still time."

How to Pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary



- 1.** Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
- 2.** Say the "Our Father."
- 3.** Say three "Hail Mary's."
- 4.** Say the "Glory be to the Father."
- 5.** Announce the **First Mystery**; then say the "Our Father."
- 6.** Say ten "Hail Mary's," while meditating on the Mystery.
- 7.** Say the "Glory be to the Father."
- 8.** Announce the **Second Mystery**; then say the "Our Father." **Repeat 6 & 7 and continue with Third, Fourth & Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.**

The Joyful mysteries are said on **Monday and Saturday, Sundays of Advent and after Epiphany until Lent**

1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The Nativity.
4. The Presentation.
5. The Finding in the Temple.

The Sorrowful on **Tuesday and Friday, Sundays in Lent**

1. The Agony in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. The Crowning with Thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.

The Glorious on **Wednesday and Sundays after Easter until Advent**

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.
5. The Coronation of the BVM.

The Luminous on **Thursday, (Suggested by Pope John Paul II)**

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River.
2. Christ's Self-Manifestation at the Wedding Feast at Cana.
3. Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of God with His Call to Conversion.
4. Christ's Transfiguration.
5. Christ's Institution of the Eucharist.

After the Rosary

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry, the banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
lamenting and weeping in this vale of tears.
Therefore, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy turn toward us;
and Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb
to us, after this exile, reveal
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

