

The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
15 March 2026

Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organ:	Daniel Cooper
Organ:	Prelude on "Melcombe"		H Willan
Introit:	Haste Thee, O God		J Shepherd

Preces & Responses : Oxley

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm: 31

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.
2. Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.
3. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.
4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.
5. Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.
6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
7. I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities: and my trust hath been in the Lord.
8. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

First Reading: Micah 7 Barbara Moreton

Office Hymn: 140 (*Green Hymnal*)

Magnificat: Harris in A minor

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And this mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

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:

James 5

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Nunc Dimittis:

Harris in A minor

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the
face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of
thy people Israel.

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.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; ✠ the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness. And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people. And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but
only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Day

Collects for the Evening:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give
unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be
set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear
of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus
Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Anthem: Mary's Magnificat A Carter

Sermon or Reading: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Hymn: 184 (*Green Hymnal*)

Benediction

As the hymn ends, the wakahuia is lowered. All kneel and remain kneeling throughout. The Sacrament is placed on the altar and the bell is rung.

**O Saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press hard on every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest one in three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with thee. Amen.**

The celebrant leads the people in prayer, ending with the Grace.

Benediction:

**Therefore we,
before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give, and blessing,
to the Father and the Son;
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing, who, from
both, with both is one.**

Thou gavest them bread from heaven: **Containing in itself all sweetness.**

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy saving cross and passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

The bell is rung again as the celebrant gives the blessing with the Sacrament.

The Divine Praises:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's holy name.

Blessed be God, holy and glorious Trinity.

Blessed be God, Creator of all.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, Word made flesh.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, truly human and divine.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, in us the hope of glory.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Blessed be the holy and life-giving Spirit.

Blessed be the Spirit, Sanctifier of all.

Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Blessed be God.

The Sacrament is returned to the wakahuia and the bell is rung.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.
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.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

Organ: Wenn wir in hochsten Nothen sein BWV641

J S Bach

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