

ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

5 FEBRUARY 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

BCP: Septuagesima

Welcome to St Giles', especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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www.st-giles-church.org

TODAY'S SERVICES

8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION

(BCP, said)

President: Rev'd Daniel Walters

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24-end

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION

(SG Boys' Choir)(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher:

Rev'd Daniel Walters

Readings, music and prayers for this service can be found overleaf.

This service is livestreamed on the Internet. Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

6:30 pm EVENSONG

(SG Girls' Choir)

(BCP, sung)

Canticles: Walmisley in D minor

Responses: Reading

Anthem: O, for a closer walk with God -
Charles V Stanford (1852-1924)

Opening hymn: 374 -

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Psalms: 4 (p. 26)

First reading: Amos 2:4-end

Second reading: Ephesians 4:17-end

Final hymn: 361 -

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

PRAYERS & READINGS

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Hymn: 345 – *Christ is the King*

Collect

O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of the sinful: grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament *Isaiah 58.1–9a*

58 Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of
their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to
fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on
high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a
bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to

cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your
own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like
the dawn,

and your healing shall spring
up quickly;

your vindicator* shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your
rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

Psalms 112.1–9 (p. 221)

New Testament *1 Corinthians 2.1–12*

2 When I came to you, brothers and
sisters,* I did not come proclaiming the
mystery* of God to you in lofty words
or wisdom. ²For I decided to know
nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came
to you in weakness and in fear and in
much trembling. ⁴My speech and my
proclamation were not with plausible
words of wisdom,* but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of

power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Anthem *So God loved the world* – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Gospel *Matthew 5.13–20*

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your

light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Offertory hymn: 408 - *Love Divine*

Distribution of Communion

There is no expectation that you should receive from the common cup: if you prefer to receive in one kind (bread only), please do so.

Out of consideration to others, please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the chalice.

Communion anthems

(1) *Die Welt mit allen Königreichen* (BWV 59) – J S Bach (1685-1750) (*Words are on the back page*)

(2) *O Lord, increase my faith* – Henry Loosemore (d. 1670)

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to him in faith and love, that we may eat

and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Hymn: 60 – *O kind Creator*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Sue Street, George Pulford,
Yvonne White, William Goldsmith,
Melanie Florence, Alison Bickmore.

RIP:

Year's Mind:

6th – Dick Southern (2001);

6th – Joyce Saxton (2009);

8th – Terence Banda

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Evening Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 5:30pm

Next Sunday (12th February)

2nd before Lent / Sexagesima

Holy Communion (BCP), 8:00am

Holy Communion (CW), 10:30am

Evensong (BCP), 6:30pm

NOTICES

◆ Choral Recital: Freddy Chelsom.

Music by Bach, Schubert and Fauré.

Sun 5th Feb, 12 noon. Retiring collection in aid of a new organ for the church, and St Giles' Music Academy.

◆ Interfaith Forum and Deus Ex

Musica present ***Awake, My Soul!***

Monday 6th Feb, 6:30-8:00pm at St Giles'. For more details and to register, visit bit.ly/3WUGbeD

◆ Church Cleaning: **Sat 11th Feb** from 10am-12 noon). Coffee and cake will be provided, and an ample supply of cleaning materials! Please join us!

◆ Piano Recital: Benjamin Grønlie, **Sun 19th Feb**, 4:30pm at St Giles'.

◆ **St Giles' Choirs** will visit Trento (Italy) for their 2023 tour. Contact Nicholas Prozzillo for further details.

◆ The latest issue of ***Pathways***, the Diocese of Oxford's magazine, features an article by our very own **Revd Dr Anne Holmes** on how to be resilient in an ever-changing world. You can pick up a physical copy from church, or download an electronic version from the Diocesan website: bit.ly/3RdGMpM

◆ **Congratulations to Benjamin Grønlie** on being awarded a place to study composition at the Guildhall School of Music. And to **Zihan Wang** on winning the organ competition and the Chopin competition in the Oxford Music Festival.

Please send notices to notices@st-giles-church.org by Thursday, 12 noon.

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ANTHEM AT THE 10:30AM SERVICE

Die Welt mit allen Königreichen, *Die Welt mit aller Herrlichkeit, Kann dieser Herrlichkeit nicht gleichen, Womit uns unser Gott erfreut: Dass er in unsern Herzen thronet, Und wie in einem Himmel wohnt. Ach Gott, wie selig sind wir doch, Wie selig werden wir erst noch, Wenn wir nach dieser Zeit der Erden, Bei dir im Himmel wohnen werden. (The world with all its kingdoms, the world with all its glory, cannot be compared with this glory with which our God makes us glad: that his throne is within our hearts and there he dwells as in heaven. Ah God, how blessed we are now, how blessed we shall then be when after this time on earth we shall live with you in heaven.)*