

✦ ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

14 MAY 2023 | THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BCP: *The Fifth Sunday after Easter*

Welcome to St Giles', especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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For more contact details, notices and announcements please visit our website:

www.st-giles-church.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

President: Revd Daniel Walters

Epistle: James 1:22-end

Gospel: John 16:23b-end

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

Please note that **this service is live-streamed on the Internet**.

Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

President and preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Hymn 333

All my hope on God is founded

Collect

God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son; grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalms 66:7-end (p. 127)

1 Peter 3:13-end

¹³ Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Anthem

O for a closer walk with God –
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Hymn 307

Sweet sacrament 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

Wahrlich, wahrlich, ich sage euch
(BWV86) – J S Bach (1685-1750)
Wahrlich, wahrlich, ich sage euch, so ihr den Vater etwas bitten werdet in meinem Namen, so wird er's euch geben. (Verily, verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.)

Regina Cœli - Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)
Regina cœli laetare, Alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia:
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, Alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.
(Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia;
As he promised hath arisen, Alleluia;
Pour for us to God thy prayer, Alleluia.)

If ye love me – Thomas Tallis (c1505-85)
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

Post Communion

O God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life; may we ever thirst for thee, the spring of life and fountain of goodness, through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

Hymn 143

Spirit of mercy, truth and love

Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service, served at the back of church.

6:30pm

EVENING PRAYER

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters

Psalm: 48

Old Testament: Haggai 1.13–2.9

New Testament: 1 Cor. 3.10–17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Sue Street, Yvonne White,
William Goldsmith, Melanie Florence,
Alison Bickmore, Margaret Pinsent

RIP:

Year's Mind:

14th May – Zora Preston (2005)

20th May – George Higgins (2001)

NOTICES

Notices are no longer published in the pew sheet, but instead are delivered via our “Weekly News” email list, our social media channels, and our website:

StGilesStMargarets.org

If you are unable to receive emails, then there are some printed versions of the latest edition available at the back of church.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th – St Matthias (Apostle)

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

Tuesday 16th – Rogation Day

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

Wednesday 17th – Rogation Day

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

Thursday 18th – ASCENSION DAY

12:00pm – Holy Communion (BCP)
(said) (SG)

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

8:00pm – Holy Communion (CW)
(sung) (SM)

Friday 19th – St Dunstan

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

Saturday 20th – St Alcuin

5:30pm – Evening Prayer (SG)

Sunday 21st –

Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension Day

8:00am – Holy Communion (BCP) (SG)

10:30am – Holy Communion with
Confirmation (SM)

6:30pm – Evensong (BCP) (SG)

Please note:

*There is no 10:30am service at St Giles’
next Sunday, 21st May.*