



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Margaret's, 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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www.stmargaretsoxford.org

10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(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.

Sunday School and the Teen Discussion Group are available today: children and young people leave after the Collect.

President and preacher:

Rev'd Dr Liz Carmichael

Introit

William Child (1606-1697), O Lord, grant the king a long life

O Lord, grant the king a long life,
that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God for ever.

O, prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness,

that they may preserve him.

As for his enemies, clothe them all with shame;

but upon himself let his crown flourish.
Hallelujah.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Opening hymn: 103

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ

have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*After the Collect, children and young people
leave for Sunday School / discussion group.*

Acts 7.55–end

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died."

Psalms 31.1–5, 15–16 (see overleaf)

1 Peter 2.2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be
put to shame.'

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious;
but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',
⁸and

'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

John 14.1–14

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?' ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?

¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not,

then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me* for anything, I will do it.

Hymn: 488

And did those feet ("Jerusalem")

Offertory hymn: 492

O God of earth and altar

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 Anthem

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b.1971), *The mountains shall bring peace*

This anthem is a new commission by the RSCM to celebrate the coronation, and is being sung this weekend by choirs across the country.

Give the king thy judgments, O God,
and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
He shall judge thy people with

righteousness,
and thy poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the
people,

and the little hills, by righteousness.

Praise ye the Lord.

Sing unto the Lord a new song,

and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:

let the children of Zion be joyful in their
King.

Let them praise his name in the dance:

let them sing praises unto him with the
timbrel and harp. Amen.

(Psalm 72.1-3, 149.1-3)

Post Communion

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the

truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final hymn: 493

Rejoice, O Land, in God thy might

National Anthem: 489

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

Coronation Evensong

*Note that there is **no evening service at St Margaret's** tonight, but there is a Coronation Choral Evensong at St Giles' at 6.30pm, to which all are warmly invited.*

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes

Julia Aston Smith

Colin Cooke

Caroline Cooke

Michèle Crawford.

RIP:

Year's Mind:

7th - Betty Murphy (2007)

12th - Nina Armstrong (2007)

12th - Mary Crisp (2008)

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

J. Turle



- 1 In you O Lord have I taken refuge * let me never be / put to / shame :
de- / liver me / in your / righteous-ness.
- 2 Incline your / ear to / me :
make / haste / to de- / liver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock a fortress to save me * for you are my / rock . and my /
strong-hold :
guide me and / lead me / for your / name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have laid / secret-ly / for me :
for / you / are my / strength.

Second half

- 5 Into your hands I com- / mend my / spirit :
for you have redeemed me O / Lord / God of / truth.
- 15 My times are / in your / hand :
deliver me from the hand of my / enemies . and from / those who / persecute
me.
- 16 Make your face to / shine up-on your / servant :
and / save me . for your / mercy's / sake.

Notices

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StGilesStMargarets.org

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