



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 17th September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

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: 0-7 year old's meet in the Lower Vestry, 8-12 year old's meet in the Upper Vestry and Teens meet in the porch. Please follow the other children and teenagers after the Collect.

President and preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Opening hymn: 393

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Genesis 50.15–21

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' 16 So they

approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103.1-13 (*see overleaf*)

Romans 14.1-12

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give

thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you

everything.”²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.”²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.”³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Offertory hymn: 496

O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King

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

The Lord hath been mindful of us
S S Wesley (1810 - 1876)
 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he

shall bless us : he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron. He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord : you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord : who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 115.12-15)

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn: 464

Thou art the way, by thee alone

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

5:30pm Evening Prayer

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant: Richard Cooper

Opening hymn: 341 – *Blest are the pure in heart*

Psalm: 119.41-48

Old Testament: Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44

New Testament: Acts 20.17-end

Final hymn: 241 (i) – *Before the ending of the day*

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes, Julia Aston Smith, Colin Cooke, Caroline Cooke

Year's Mind:

19th – Roy Burbank (2001)

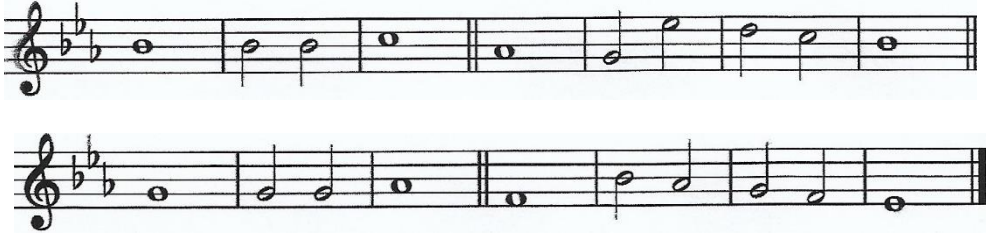
19th – Marcus Saville-Deane (2004)

20th – Jinner Snodgrass (1999)

22nd – Godfrey Victor Upsall (2012)

Psalm 113: 1-13

Samuel Wesley



- 1 Bless the Lord / O my / soul :
and all that is within me / bless his / holy / name.
- 2 Bless the Lord / O my / soul :
and for- / get not / all his / benefits.
- 3 Who forgives / all your / sins :
and / heals all / your in- / firmities.
- 4 Who redeems your / life . from the / Pit :
and crowns you with / faithful / love . and com- / passion.
- 5 Who satisfies you with / good / things :
so that your / youth is re- / newed . like an / eagle's.
- 6 The Lord / exe-cutes / righteousness :
and judgement for / all who / are op- / pressed.
- 7 He made his ways / known to / Moses :
and his / works . to the / children of / Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of com- / passion and / mercy :
slow to / anger . and of / great / kindness.
- 9 He will not / always a- / ccuse us :
neither will he / keep his / anger for / ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us a- / ccording . to our / sins :
nor rewarded us a- / ccording / to our / wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are / high a-bove the / earth :
so great is his / mercy . upon / those who / fear him.
- 12 As far as the / east is . from the / west :
so far has he / set our / sins / from us.

2nd part

- 13 As a father has com- / passion . on his / children :
so is the Lord / merciful . towards / those who / fear him.

Notices

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