

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

23 MARCH 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(Proper 7) BCP: Third Sunday in Lent

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.

NOTICES

Plant Trees at St Giles' Sat 29 Mar 10:30

Readers Needed for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and the rest of Holy Week. Speak to Sam Schad

Benefice Lent Course continues Tue 7.15pm at St Margaret's Church

Help delivering Easter cards. Contact Claire

Midweek Eucharists have restarted: every Weds at 12.30pm in St Giles'.

Jazz at St Giles': Gabriel Latchin Trio Sat 5 Apr 7:30pm

Benefice youth pilgrimage 4-8 August in Pembrokeshire – contact Claire

St Giles' Choir Tour Bergamo 24-29 July 2025 – contact Nicholas Prozzillo

Daily Prayer at St Giles':
- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

Services on Sunday 30 March

8:00am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'

10:30am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'

6:30pm – **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

Officiant: Revd Claire Browes

Epistle: Ephesians 5.1-14

Gospel: Luke 11.14-28

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Introit

Mass for Three Voices

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Hymn 374

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the
way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of
life and peace;

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.

Isaiah 55.1-9

55Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to
the peoples,
a leader and commander for
the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do
not know,
and nations that do not know you shall
run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy
One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may
have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says
the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the
earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63.1-9 (see overleaf)

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

10I do not want you to be unaware,
brothers and sisters, that our ancestors
were all under the cloud, and all passed
through the sea, ²and all were baptized
into Moses in the cloud and in the
sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual
food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual
drink. For they drank from the spiritual
rock that followed them, and the rock
was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not
pleased with most of them, and they
were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as
examples for us, so that we might not
desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become
idolaters as some of them did; as it is
written, 'The people sat down to eat and
drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We
must not indulge in sexual immorality as
some of them did, and twenty-three
thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must
not put Christ to the test, as some of
them did, and were destroyed by
serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some
of them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to
them to serve as an example, and they
were written down to instruct us, on
whom the ends of the ages have
come. ¹²So if you think you are standing,
watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No
testing has overtaken you that is not
common to everyone. God is faithful,
and he will not let you be tested beyond
your strength, but with the testing he
will also provide the way out so that you
may be able to endure it.

Anthem

O Lord rebuke me not

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine
indignation, neither chasten me in thy

displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak. O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me, for thy Name's sake.

Amen. (Psalm 6:1-2, 4)

Luke 13.1-9

13 There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Hymn 376

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Communion Anthem

He was despised

G F Handel (1685-1759)

He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

The Lamentation

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

(Text from the Book of Lamentations)

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 414

O for a closer walk with God

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

6:30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant: Revd Laurence Price

Setting: Dyson in C minor

Hymn 294 – *Just as I am*

Psalm: 13 (p. 38)

Old Testament: Genesis 28.10-19a

New Testament: John 1.35-end

Anthem: Stainer, *God so loved the world*

Hymn 200 – *Jesus call us!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

24th – [Mabel] Yvonne Simmons (2006)

25th – Val Mary Kennerley Sillery (2009)

26th – Lucie Carr (2001)

PSALM 63.1-9

- 1 O God, | thou art • my | God :
early | will I | seek — | thee.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for thee, * my flesh also | long-eth | after thee :
in a barren and dry land, | where no | wa-ter | is.
- 3 Thus have I looked for | thee in | holiness :
that I might be- | hold thy | power and | glory.
- 4 For thy loving-kindness is better than | the life it- | self :
my | lips — | shall — | praise thee.
- 5 As long as I live will I magnify | thee on • this | manner :
and lift | up my | hands in • thy | Name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, * even as it were with | marrow • and | fatness :
when my mouth | praiseth • thee with | joy-ful | lips.
- 7 Have I not remembered thee | in my | bed :
and thought up- | on thee | when I • was | waking?
- 8 Because thou hast | been my | helper :
therefore under the shadow of thy | wings will | I re- | joice.
- 9 My soul hangeth upon thee :
thy right hand hath upholden me.
Glory | be • to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and • to the | Ho-ly | Ghost ;
As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever • shall | be :
world without | end, A- | — | men.

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