



ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

30 MARCH 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Proper 8) BCP: Fourth 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

Mothering Sunday Concert Sun 30 Mar at 12 - short vocal recital at St Giles'

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

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 6 April
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: Gavin Knight

Epistle: Galatians 4.21-end

Gospel: Hebrews 12.22-24

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Introit

Little Organ Mass

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Hymn 186

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord*

Collect

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains
of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord
and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Joshua 5.9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 (*see overleaf*)

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Anthem

Sing unto the Lord

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

(Psalm 30:4-11)

Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

3 So he told them this parable:

11 Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his

feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Hymn 63 - All ye who seek

Communion Anthem

Quae moerebat et dolebat

G B Pergolesi (1710-1730)

*She mourned and lamented and trembled
as she watched her glorious son suffering
his sentence.*

Ave Maria

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee; blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us*

*sinner, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of
this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that
shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 362

Glorious things of thee are spoken

*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: Paul Rutterford

Setting: Byrd, Second Service

Responses: Ayleward

Hymn 63 - All ye who seek

Psalm: 30 (p. 66)

Old Testament: Prayer of Manasseh

New Testament: 2 Timothy 4.1-18

Anthem: Tozer, O Lord let me know
mine end

Hymn 362 - Glorious things

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

30th - Marilyn Rosemary Blackwell (2006)

1st - Shirley Glenda Ward Jones (2001)

2nd - Alan Byburn (2014)

5th - Maureen Owen (2011)

5th - Vi Wyatt (2014)

PSALM 32

- 1 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness | is for- | giv'n :
and | whose — | sin is | covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord im- | puteth • no | sin :
and in whose | spirit • there | is no | guile.
- 3 For while I | held my | tongue :
my bones consumed a- | way • through my | daily • com- | plaining.
- 4 For thy hand is heavy upon me | day and | night :
and my moisture is | like the | drought in | summer.
- 5 I will acknowledge my | sin • unto | thee :
and mine un- | righteous-ness | have I • not | hid.
- 6 I said, I will confess my | sins un-to the | Lord :
and so thou forgavest the | wicked-ness | of my | sin.
- 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, *
in a time when thou mayest | be found :
but in the great water-floods | they shall | not come | nigh him.
- 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, * thou shalt pre- | serve me • from | trouble :
thou shalt compass me a- | bout with | songs of • de- | liverance.
- 9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way where- | in thou • shalt | go :
and I will | guide thee | with mine | eye.
- 10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no | under- | standing :
whose mouths must be held with bit and | bridle, | lest they | fall upon thee.
- 11 Great plagues re- | main • for the un- | godly :
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, * mercy em- | braceth • him on | eve-ry | side.
- 12 Be glad, O ye righteous and re- | joice • in the | Lord :
and be joyful, all | ye that • are | true of | heart.
Glory | be • to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and • to the | Ho-ly | Spirit ;
As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever • shall | be :
world without | end, A- | — | men.

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