

 St Margaret's Church

# Holy Eucharist



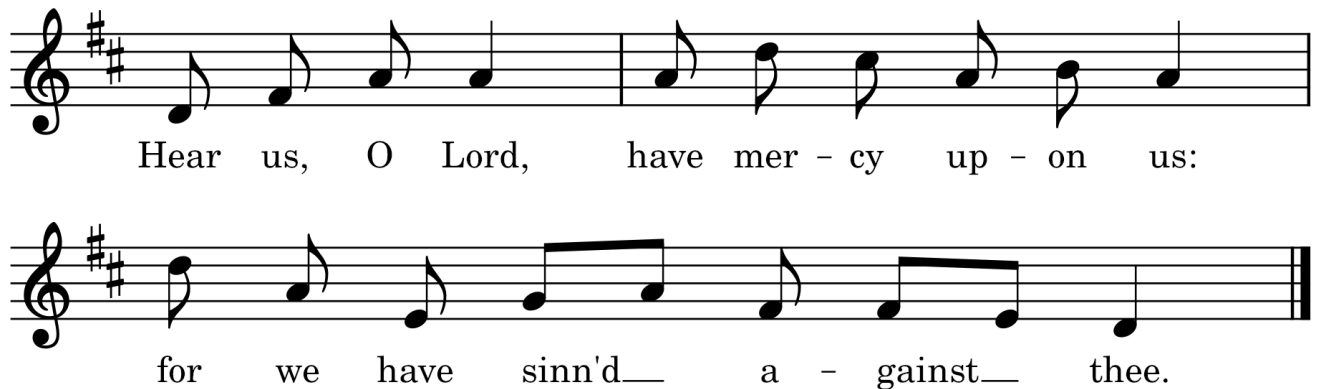
Second Sunday in Lent  
*with Baptism of Wilfred Kent*

Welcome, we are really pleased to be able to gather back in our building. You will notice that work continues week-by-week. Please take care when moving around the building and respect the cordoned off areas.

## ¶ The Gathering

### Lent Prose

*A cantor sings the verse, we join in with the refrain:*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:  
for we have sinn'd\_\_ a - gainst\_\_ thee.

### Opening Hymn 393

*The ministers and choir enter.*

✕ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All **Amen.**

### The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
All **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### The Collect

Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the  
mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his  
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
All **Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for the* **First Reading from Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18**

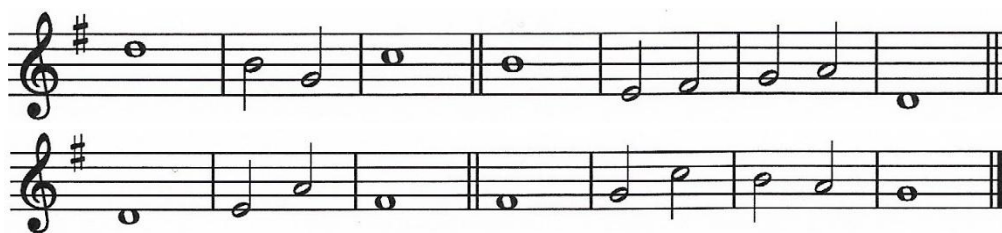
After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**For the word of the Lord.**

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated for the* **Psalm 27**

Henry Smart



- 1 The Lord is my light and . my salvation \* whom then / shall I / fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life \* of whom then / shall I / be a- / fraid?
- 2 When the wicked \* even my enemies and my foes \*  
came upon me to eat / up my / flesh :  
they / stumbled / and / fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me \* my heart shall not / be a- / fraid :  
and though there rise up war against me \* yet will I / put my / trust in / him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that a- / lone I / seek :

- that I may dwell in the house of the / Lord . all the / days of my / life,
- 5 To behold the fair / beauty . of the / Lord :  
and to / seek his / will . in his / temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall / hide me . in his / shelter :  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me \*  
and set me / high up- / on a / rock.
- 7 And now shall he / lift up my / head // above my / ene-mies / round a- / bout  
me.
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with / great / gladness :  
I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice O / Lord . when I / call :  
have / mercy up- / on me and / answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word / 'Seek my / face' :  
Your / face Lord / will I / seek.
- 11 Hide not your / face / from me :  
nor cast your / servant a- / way in dis- / pleasure.
- 12 You have / been my / helper :  
leave me not \* neither forsake me \* O / God of / my sal- / vation.
- 13 Though my father and my / mother for- / sake me :  
the / Lord will / take me / up.
- 14 Teach me your / way O / Lord :  
lead me on a level path \* because of / those who / lie in / wait for me.
- 15 Deliver me not into the / will . of my / adversaries :  
for false witnesses have risen up against me \*  
and / those who / breathe out / violence.
- 16 I believe that I shall / see the / goodness // of the / Lord . in the /  
land . of the / living.
- 17 Wait for the Lord \* be strong and he shall / comfort your / heart :  
wait / patient-ly / for the / Lord.

## Second Reading from Philippians 3.17–4.1

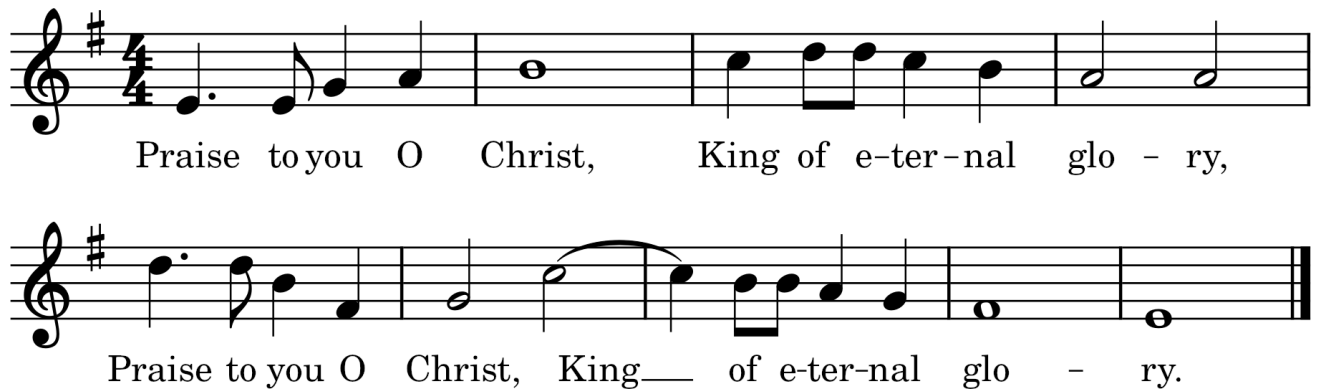
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**For the word of the Lord.**

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem: If ye love me (Tallis)

Please stand for the **Gospel Reading**



The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

*Repeated (sung):*

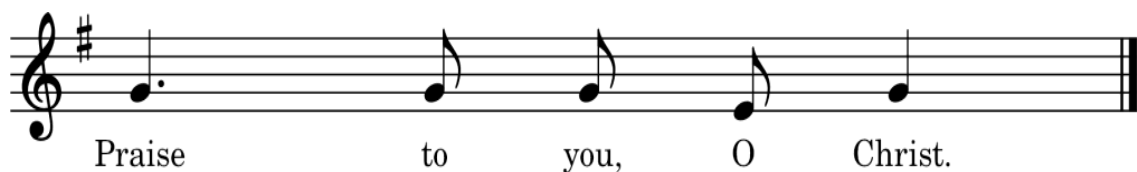
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.



At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**



Please sit for the **Sermon**

## **Presentation of Candidate(s)**

*The candidate is presented to the congregation by their parents and godparents.*

*The president addresses the whole congregation:*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Wilfred who has come to be baptised today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into the Church.

So, I ask you all:

Will you support Wilfred as he begins his journey of faith? **We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family? **We will.**

Godparents, will you do all that you can to help and support Lucy and Dan in the bringing up of Wilfred? **With the help of God, we will.**

*The president then addresses the godparents and parents.*

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Wilfred today. Will you pray for Wilfred, and help him to follow Christ? **We will.**

## **The Decision**

*The president addresses Wilfred through his parents and godparents.*

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

*The president invite parents and godparents to sign them with the cross.*

Wilfred, do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## Prayer over the Water

*We process to the baptismal font.*

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

Friends, I ask you to affirm together with Wilfred's parents and Godparents the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Baptism

*The president baptises Wilfred, saying*

**Wilfred John Charles, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*The president anoints Wilfred.*

*Please stand for the* **Commission**

*We then pray for Wilfred,*

Wilfred, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among God's people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people to explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

*The president addresses all those who are baptised.*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth? **With the help of God I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? **With the help of God, I will.**

*Water from the font is sprinkled over the people.*

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*A minister introduces the prayers:*

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

*Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used:*

**Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour**

**Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand for* **The Welcome and Peace**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Wilfred, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body. **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*We greet them with a warm round of applause.*

*The president introduces the Peace:*

We are all one in Christ Jesus, we belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

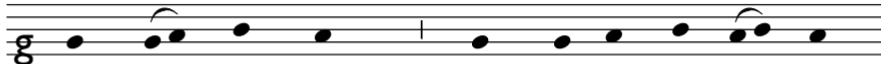
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn 159**

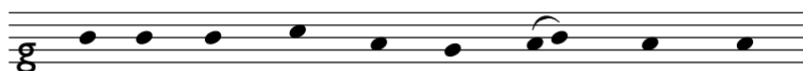
### **Preparation of the Table**

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. A minister prays over the gifts.*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)**

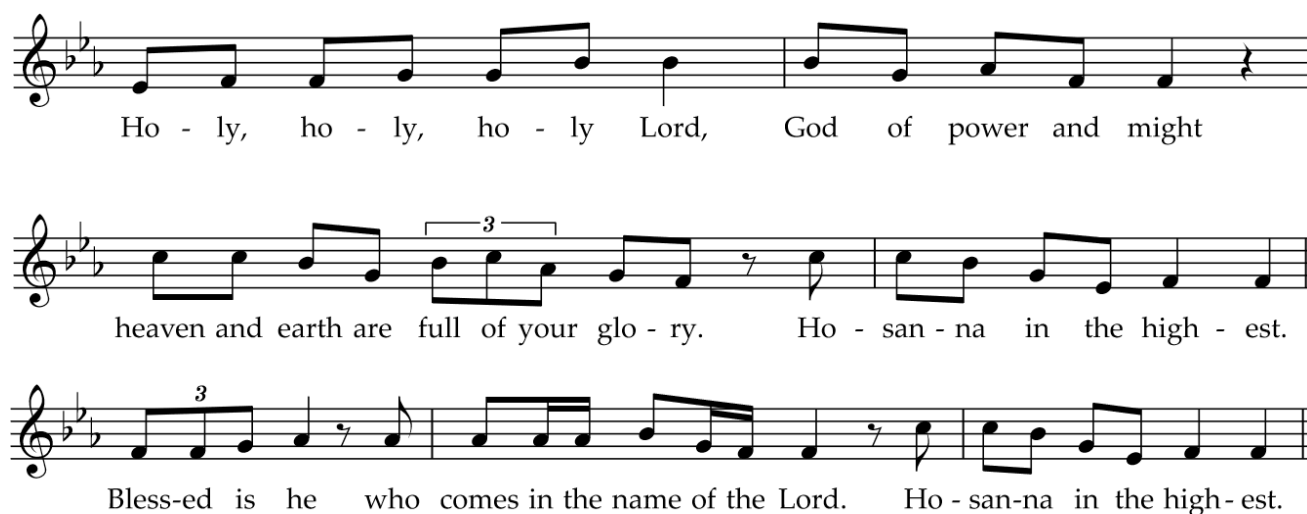
(or)   
The Lord is here. **R. His Spi-rit is with us.**

  
Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**

  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

  
**R. It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues to:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The prayer continues to:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The prayer continues to:*

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A time of silent prayer follows the Eucharistic Prayer.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Communion Anthem(s)

*During the distribution, Come down, O love divine (Harris) is sung by the choir.*

*Please remain seated for the* **Prayers after Communion**

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

*All may then say:*

*All* **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## ¶ The Dismissal

## Notices

*Please stand for the* **Blessing**

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Final Hymn 372

*During the hymn, Wilfred and her family return to the dais to receive a candle.*

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

Wilfred, God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and choir process out as an organ voluntary is played.*

## Notices

**New Electoral Roll Forms** available at the 10.30am service or online at [stmargaretsoxford.org/electoral-roll](http://stmargaretsoxford.org/electoral-roll)

**Benefice Book Group** meets again at 7.15 on 20 Mar. Contact Sian.

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

**Benefice youth pilgrimage** 4-8 August in Pembrokeshire – contact Eva, Lucy or Claire for more information.

**SMI Tea & Talks** – talk from Head Gardener at Trinity Kate Burtonwood Wed 9 Apr 1.30

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

**Daily Prayer** (at St Giles'):

- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

**Services on Sunday 23 March**

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

10:30am – **Holy Communion** at St Margaret's

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

More at: [www.StGilesStMargarets.org](http://www.StGilesStMargarets.org)

## Prayer Requests

**Sick:** Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian, Rosemary

**Year's Mind:**

17th – Oliver Heaton (2013)

22nd – James William (Jim) Harris (2004)

22nd – Anthony Aston Smith (2010)

22nd – Pauline Moon (2013)

22nd – Stephen Ley (2016)