



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 16 November 2025 **Second Sunday Before Advent**

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

Notices

As work on the church continues, please take extra care and respect the cordoned off areas

Benefice Quiet Morning on Saturday 22 November at St Margaret's Church.
Contact Claire for information.

Christmas Fair on the afternoon of 6th Dec: donations of various items needed, and volunteers on the day. Speak to Claire or Eva.

Pianist(s) needed to accompany monthly services at Fairfield Care Home. Please speak to Claire.

Tea & Talks at SMI: Wed 3 Nov 1:45pm talk on Oxford Detectives. Entry £2.

Daily Prayer:

- Morning Prayer

Tue-Fri 8:30am at the Vicarage

- Individual quiet prayer

Mon-Fri 12-2pm at St Giles'

- Evening Prayer

Mon-Sat 5.30pm at St Giles'

Services on Sunday 16 November

8:00am - **BCP Communion** (St Giles')

10:30am - **Parish Eucharist**

6:30pm - **Choral Evensong** (St Giles')

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

10:30am **Holy Communion**

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Opening Hymn 234 (2nd tune)

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to
destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and
great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Malachi 4.1-2a

4 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98 (*see overleaf*)

2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gradual Anthem

Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585)

If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another
comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Luke 18.9–14

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of

your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Offertory Hymn 271

Alleluya, Sing to Jesus

Communion Anthem

William Byrd (c1540–1623),
Ave verum corpus

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, o pie,
o Jesu, fili Mariae,
miserere mei.

*Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O gentle,
O Jesu, son of Mary,
have mercy on me.*

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we
long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Final Hymn 452

Stand up and bless the Lord

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

Prayer Requests

Sick: Julia, Caroline, Christina,
Rosemary

Year's Mind:

16th – Joan Spencer (2005)

18th – Jean Denman (2004)

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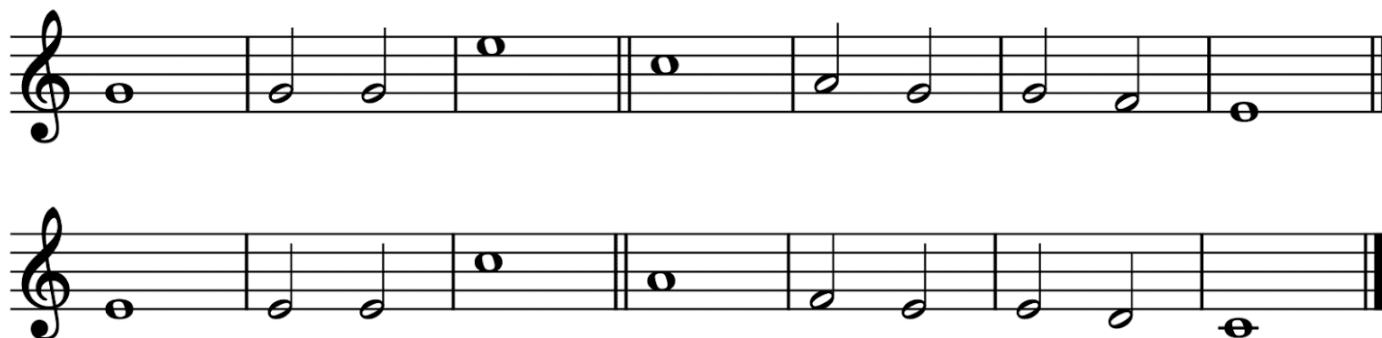
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Psalm 98

Walter Parratt



- 1 Sing to the | Lord a • new | song,
for | he has • done | marvel-lous | things.
- 2 His own right hand and his | holy | arm
have | won for | him the | victory.
- 3 The Lord has made | known his • sal- | vation;
his deliverance has he openly | shown • in the | sight of • the | nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the | house of | Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal- | vation | of our | God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the | Lord • with the | lyre,
with the | lyre • and the | voice of | melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the | sound • of the | horn
sound praises be- | fore the | Lord, the | King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and | all that | fills it,
the world and | all that | dwell • u- | pon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together be- | fore • the | Lord,
for he | comes to | judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he | judge the | world
— | and the | peoples • with | equity.