

29 March 2026 | Palm Sunday

BCP: Sunday Next Before Easter

Holy Week & Easter

More information on these services at:
www.StGilesStMargarets.org/holyweek

Tonight (Sunday 29 March)

6:30pm – Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" at St Giles'

Monday 30 March

6:30pm – BCP Holy Communion at St Giles' (*said, with sermon*)

Tuesday 31 March

8:00pm – Compline (Night Prayer) at St Giles'

Wednesday 1 April

7:30pm – Tenebrae Service at St Giles'

Maundy Thursday – 2 April

8:00pm – Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at St Margaret's

Good Friday – 3 April

10:00am – Hot Cross Bun Service at St Margaret's

10:30am – BCP Mattins (Morning Prayer) with the Litany at St Giles'

12:00pm – Meditations and Silent Prayer before the Sacrament at St Margaret's

1:30pm – Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at St Margaret's

Easter – 4 / 5 April

8:00pm (Saturday 4th) – Liturgy of Easter at St Margaret's

8:00am (Sunday) – BCP Holy Communion at St Giles' (*said*)

10:30am – 'Together' Eucharist at St Margaret's (*sung*) followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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

12.00pm – Easter recital at St Giles'

Notices

Read the full notices for this week at:
www.StGilesStMargarets.org

Benefice book group will meet on Wed 15 April, 7.15pm. We are discussing *Pearl*, by Siân Hughes.

We are recruiting for a new **Benefice Manager** – see our job advert at stgilesstmargarets.org/benefice-manager

Prayer Requests

Sick: Chris Henry, Stella, Caroline, Christina, Rosemary, Maria,

R.I.P. Peter Ward-Jones (22 March)

Year's Mind:

30th – Marilyn Blackwell
2nd – Alan Pyburn

8:00am

Holy Communion

(1662 Book of Common Prayer, said)

The text of the collect and readings are in the brown Book of Common Prayer.

Epistle: Philippians 2.5–11

Gospel: Matthew 27.1–54

10:00am

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday

The Liturgy begins at St Margaret's Church, and involves a procession to St Giles' Church.

Those unable to make this procession should instead make their way directly to St Giles' Church for 10:15am, where a different form of the Liturgy will begin, before we join together.

Palm Gospel Matthew 21.1–11

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Responsorial Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end

The (spoken) response to the psalm is:
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Processional Hymns

These are all printed in the order of service booklet.

Choir Anthem

Ingrediente Domino

George Malcolm (1917–97)

Ingrediente Domino in sanctam civitatem,

Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem vitae pronuntiantes,

Cum ramis palmarum:

Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis

Cumque audisset populus, quod Iesus veniret Ierosolimam, exierunt obviam ei.

Cum ramis palmarum:

Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis

*As the Lord was entering the holy city,
the children of the Hebrews, proclaiming
the resurrection of life,
with branches of palms,
cried, "Hosanna in the highest."*

*And when the people had heard
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
they went out to meet him,
with branches of palms,
and cried, "Hosanna in the highest."*

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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.

First reading: Philippians 2.5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was
in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of
God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 31.10-18 (see overleaf)

Passion Gospel: Matt 26.14–end of 27
The passion Gospel is read dramatically.

*At the end, there is no response, and
silence is kept.*

Offertory Hymn: 86 (omit * verses)

My song is love unknown

Communion Anthem

*But thou didst not leave from Messiah
G F Handel (1685–1759)*

But Thou didst not leave His soul in
hell, nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One
to see corruption.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form
of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for
our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Final Hymn: 95

When I survey the wondrous cross

Psalm 31.10-18

- 10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for | I am · in | trouble :
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness, | yea my | soul and · my | body.
- [11] For my life is waxen | old with | heaviness, | and my | years with | mourning.
- 12 My strength faileth me be- | cause of · mine | iniquity :
and my | bones — | are con- | sumed.
- 13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, *
but especially a- | mong my | neighbours :
and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; *
and they that did see me with- | out con- | veyed them-selves | from me.
- 14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man | out of | mind :
I am be- | come · like a | bro-ken | vessel.
- 15 For I have heard the blasphemy | of the | multitude :
and fear is on every side, *
while they conspire together against me, *
and take their counsel to | take a- | way my | life.
- 16 But my hope hath been in | thee O | Lord :
I have said, | Thou — | art my | God.
- 17 My time is | in thy | hand :
deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, | and from | them that |
persecute me.
- 18 Shew thy servant the | light of · thy | countenance:
and | save me · for thy | mer-cy's | sake.
- Glory | be · to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost ;
- As it | was in · the be- | ginning :
Is now and ever shall be, | world with-out | end. A- | men.

6:30pm

Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*

A liturgical performance in St Giles' of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's (1710–36) beautiful setting of the 13th-century hymn, reflecting the sorrow of the Virgin Mary at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

A separate booklet is provided.