



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service, served at the back of church.

Notices

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

Poetry evening tonight at 7pm. Share your favourite poem, a poem you've written yourself, or just come and listen. Contact Sam Schad.

10.30am on Sundays in Lent – we are using the order for Holy Communion from the 1662 BCP, and also using Bishop Steven's suggested lectionary, which accompanies the Lent groups. Watch his reflections on the readings online.

Palm Sunday (29 March) – next week we will gather at **St Margaret's at 10am** for the *Liturgy of the Palms*, then process down to St Giles' for the *Liturgy of the Passion*. For those who are unable to process, please come to St Giles' for **10.15am** where we will have a version of the Liturgy of the Palms before we are joined by the others.

If you would be willing to be one of the **readers for the Passion Gospel** on Palm Sunday, please email
samantha.schad@oup.com

'Come and See' Lent groups – in-person on Fridays at 11am; online on Thursdays at

8pm, or materials available for personal reflection.

Said Holy Communion for the feast of the Annunciation, **Weds 25 March**, 12.30pm at St Giles' and 8.00pm at St Margaret's.

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

Prayer Requests

Sick: Caroline, Christina, Rosemary, Maria, Stella.

Year's Mind:

- 22nd – Jim Harris (2004)
– Anthony Aston Smith (2010)
– Pauline Moon (2013)
– Stephen Ley (2016)
23rd – Peter Moores (2016)
24th – John Ashby (2015)

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10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(Common Worship, sung)

Opening Hymn: 445

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

Old Testament: Genesis 18:1-16

Psalms 29 *(see overleaf)*

Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-28

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when

they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'

²⁷This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Gospel: Luke 22:7-30

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' ⁹They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' ¹⁰'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' "

¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and

gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Offertory Hymn: 461 (tune: "There's a Wideness")

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Communion Anthem

Crux Fidelis

King John IV of Portugal (1604–56)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes
arbor una nobilis:

nulla silva talem profert,
fronde, flore, germine.

Dulce lignum, dulces clavos,
dulce pondus sustinet.

*Faithful Cross, above all others
the one noble tree:*

*no forest ever yielded such a tree
in leaf, in flower, in fruit.*

*Sweet is the wood, sweet are the nails,
Sweet is the burden it bears.*

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Final Hymn: *Christ Triumphant, ever reigning*
Michael Saward (1932–2015)

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Refrain:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *[Refrain]*
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *[Refrain]*
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *[Refrain]*
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: *[Refrain]*

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Psalm 29

from Martin Luther



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord you | powers of | heaven, ♦
ascribe to the | Lord — | glory · and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour | due · to his | name; ♦
worship the | Lord · in the | beauty · of | holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of | glo-ry | thunders; ♦
the Lord is up- | on the | migh-ty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in | op-er- | ation; ♦
the voice of the Lord | is a | glori-ous | voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord | breaks the | ce-dar | trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the | cedars · of | Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon | skip · like a | calf ♦
and Sirion | like a | young wild | ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord | shakes the | wilderness; ♦
the Lord | shakes the | wilderness · of | Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the | for-ests | bare; ♦
in his | tem-ple | all cry | 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the | water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as | king for | e-ver- | more.
- 10 The Lord shall give | strength to · his | people; ♦
the Lord shall give his | people · the | blessing of | peace.