



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 20th November 2022

Christ the King

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 10:30 service for refreshments. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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Today's Services

10:30 am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST

with admission to Holy Communion

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher Rev'd Daniel Walters

Introit Above all praise (Mendelssohn)

Opening hymn 443 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

First reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm 46

The Gospel Luke 23.33-43

Offertory hymn 294 - Just as I am

Anthem The heavens are telling
(Haydn)

Final hymn Christ triumphant, ever reigning
(printed in the booklet)

6:00 pm EVENING PRAYER

(BCP, said with hymns)

Officiant Rev'd Dr Stephen O'Connor

Opening hymn 134 - The head that once was crowned in thorns

Psalm 72

First reading 1 Samuel 8.4-20

Second reading John 18.33-37

Final hymn 242 - As now the sun's declining rays

Parish Eucharist for Christ the King

20 November 2022

Welcome to our all age service this morning. There is no Sunday School today as it is a special occasion...

Today we welcome to communion Eleanor, Lyra and Nicolas who share faithfully and regularly in our worship. A person is admitted to communion on the basis of their baptism, the sign and pledge of incorporation into the death and resurrection of Christ and the new life of the kingdom of God. Eleanor, Lyra and Nicolas have been baptized, and today they receive the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ with us. They are taking a new step in the life to which God has called them in baptism and which we trust they will later affirm in confirmation. We welcome them and look forward to learning with and from them as we journey together on the Way of Christ.

If you or your child need some time out during the service, the baptistery (room through the doors at the back of church) is still open with some quiet toys, but do still join us again when you are able. To anyone with young children, make sure you get a good seat where they can see what is going on.

Please be aware that this service is being livestreamed (the camera pans away during Communion).

The Gathering

We stand as the procession enters the chancel.

Introit

The choir sings the introit 'Above all praise and majesty' by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

Hymn

We sing hymn 443 – 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Welcome

Those being admitted to communion today come and stand at the front.

We are God's pilgrim people. We share in the story of God's love for the world, God's love in Christ, calling us to himself, God's love in the Spirit, giving strength for our journey of faith. We celebrate this love in word and song, we feed on Jesus in bread and wine and make

him known through our life together.

Brothers and sisters, today we are welcoming Eleanor, Lyra and Nicolas to Holy Communion. As parents and godparents, and as the community of St Margaret's, we share the responsibility of encouraging them in their worship, and of supporting them by our friendship, our example and our prayers. Will you help them to grow in faith and love?

We will.

Eleanor, Lyra and Nicolas, we welcome you in Jesus' name to receive communion with us.

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A short time of silence follows.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,

**through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

A short time of silent prayer.

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the
King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the **First reading**

Jeremiah 23.1-6

"How terrible it will be for the shepherds who lead my people astray!" announces the Lord. "They are destroying and scattering the sheep that belong to my flock." So the Lord, the God of Israel, speaks to the shepherds who take care of my people. He tells them, "You have scattered my sheep. You have driven them away. You have not taken good care of them. So I will punish you for the evil things you have done," announces the Lord. "I myself will gather together those who are left alive in my flock. I will gather them out of all the countries where I have driven them. And I will bring them back to their own land. There my sheep will have many lambs. There will be many more of them. I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them. My sheep will not be afraid or terrified anymore. And none of them will be missing," announces the Lord.

"A new day is coming," announces
the Lord.

"At that time I will raise up for
David's royal line a godly Branch.
He will be a King who will rule
wisely.

He will do what is fair and right in
the land.

In his days Judah will be saved.

Israel will live in safety.

And the Branch will be called

The Lord Who Makes Us Right
With Himself.

At the end the reader may say:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated for the **Psalm**

*The choir sing Psalm 46, and we all
join in with the response (music
below):*

**The Lord of Hosts is with us,
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

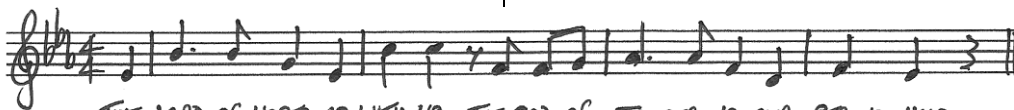
We stand for the **Gospel**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus



THE LORD OF HOSTS IS WITH US, THE GOD OF JA-COB IS OUR STRONG-HOLD.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 23.33-43

The soldiers brought them to the

The people stood there watching.



The soldiers also came up and

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals hanging there

A written sign had been placed

But the other criminal scolded him.



Jesus answered him, "What I'm

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the **All-age talk**

We stand for **The Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

We sit for the

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in
union with Christ, let us pray to the
Father.

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The president introduces this part of the service, and invites us to stand.

The Peace

To crown all things there must be
love,
to bind all together and complete
the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our
hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

*We remain standing as we sing hymn
294: 'Just as I am'*

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are presented.

*The table is prepared and bread and
wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the
heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of
God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your
glory.
You give us this great and beautiful
earth,
to discover and to cherish.

Today we give you thanks
because you anointed Jesus Christ,
your only Son, as priest and King.
He was crowned with thorns,
and offered his life upon the cross,
to draw all people into his kingdom
where he now reigns in glory.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his
blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples,
saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the
cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his
disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for
you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this to remember me.'

So Father, with this bread and this
cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his
risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one
another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your
loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

A moment of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us
**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.**

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Communion

*If you normally receive communion in
your own church, of whatever
denomination, you are most welcome
to receive here.*

*We are returning today to the use of
the common cup, but if you prefer to
receive in 'one kind' (i.e. bread only),
please feel free to do so. Please **do**
not intinct (dip) the bread in the wine.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing,
please come forward with your arms
crossed or holding your booklet.*

Communion Anthem

*During the distribution, the choir
sings the anthem 'The heavens are
telling' by Joseph Haydn (1732-
1809).*

Please remain seated for the

Post-Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing
forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

*Those admitted to communion today
are invited back to the front.*

God has touched us with his love
and nourished us at his table.
As God's pilgrim people,
may we continue to explore the
Way of Christ,
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving
others.

Notices

We stand for the **Hymn**

**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]***

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful
and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in
glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you
always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ,
Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes, Joan Johnson, Julia Aston Smith, Colin Cooke, Caroline Cooke.

RIP:

Year's Mind:

Joan Edwards (24/11/2016),
Maud Burbank (26/11/2003),
David Gray (26/11/2002)

Services & Events This Week

Morning Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 9:00am

Online Compline (via Zoom)

Monday 21st November, 8:00pm

Little Fishes

Friday 25th November, 9.00am

Next Sunday (27th November)

Parish Eucharist (CW), 10:30am
Advent Carol Service, 6:00pm

Notices

We will be offering the **chalice at Communion** as an option for those who would like to receive in that way from today, Sunday 20th November. If you prefer to receive in one kind only, simply return to your seat after you have received the bread from the priest. Please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the wine.

Please join us after the 10:30 service this morning as we have our **annual cleaning (and tidying) party**. We need

all hands on deck as we try to get our church ready for the new church year which starts in Advent. The party is usually great fun, and we will be sharing a soup and cheese lunch too. Please do join us. If we all work together, it shouldn't take long at all.

Our joint benefice **Advent Carol Service**, featuring the choirs of both St Giles' and St Margaret's, will take place next Sunday at 6pm, here at St Margaret's. Please do join us.

St Giles' free **Thursday Lunchtime Talk series on "Faith and Music"**, continues this Thursday, 24th November, 12.30pm with the talk "English Plainchant and the Monastic Tradition". The speaker will be Fr Peter Allan CR – former Principal of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. All welcome.

St Giles' Church are hosting an **Advent Quiet Day** with Canon Edmund Newey, former Sub Dean at Christ Church Cathedral, on Saturday 26 November. Information and tickets are available from the OCSG website: bit.ly/3DLdBFw

If you would be prepared to act as **caretaker at a concert** in the evening of Sunday 11 December here at St Margaret's, please contact Meg at office@StGilesStMargarets.org The standard caretaker's fee of £40 will be paid.

Please send notices to smnotices@gmail.com by Thursday, 12 noon.