

live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING

RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and uses a form of blessing appropriate to the season.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

We remain STANDING to sing the following hymn as the priest leaves the sanctuary:

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Communion Reflection:

Lord, stay with us as you stayed with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As you broke bread and gave to them, you have given us the Bread of Life, yourself. You speak to us as you spoke to them. Stay with us, Lord, not just today but every day. Help us to hear and understand your word, and help us to put it into practice. Be near to those of us especially for whom "it is nearly evening and the day is almost over". With your presence to strengthen us and your example to inspire us, we offer ourselves today and every day into the hands of our loving Father. Amen.

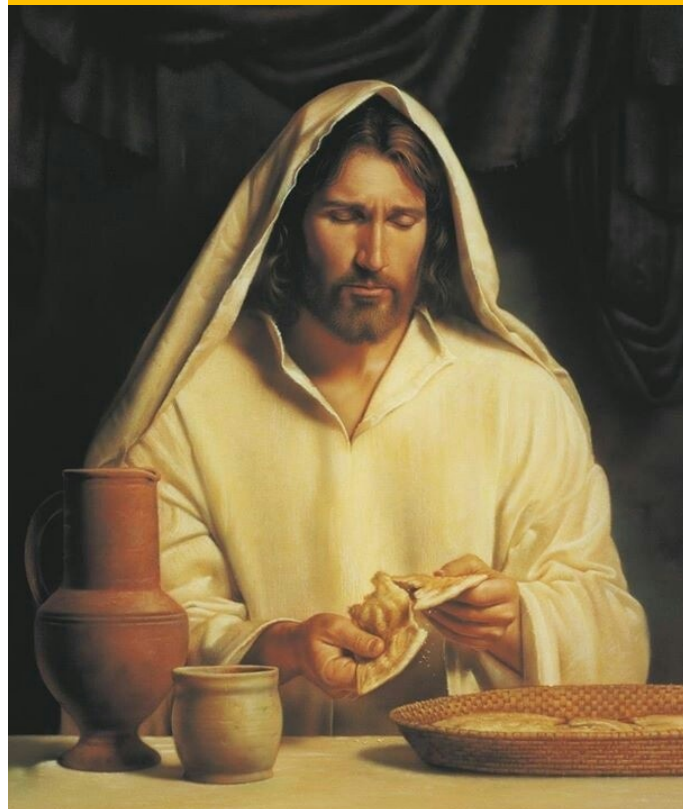


**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th April AD 2020

PARISH MASS SHEET



Within this morning's Gospel Reading there is a question that ought to arise in our minds, but is one that we can so easily overlook: why did the eyes of the disciples open to recognise Jesus whilst they were at table with Him? The Eucharistic context is undeniable. The disciples are at table, the Lord is with them; He took the bread and saying the prayer of blessing, broke it. It was during the last action of the breaking of the bread that the companions recognised Jesus. It was not only the action in itself but finally Cleopas and his friend could see, with their own eyes, the hands pierced by the nails of the passion that until that very movement had remained hidden from them during the long journey on the road.

It was in that very moment in which they recognised the presence of the Crucified One, that He 'disappeared from their sight' whilst their eyes remained fixed on the broken bread, that was left to fall 'onto the altar'. This is the experience at Mass every Sunday and yet this period of Lockdown denies us the opportunity to experience this together. Do use the 'Act of Spiritual Communion' cards that I sent you during this part of the Live-Streamed Mass.

Even during Lockdown our reaction to the Breaking of Bread can be to 'set out that instant' (Lk 24:33), to want to share the joy amongst those we live of knowing that 'the Lord has indeed risen' (Lk 24:34).

Prayer Thought

Jesus' resurrection is the guarantee of ours. Today we celebrate that eternal life which he offers us, of which we have a foretaste now in the gift of the Holy Spirit

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND:

(STAND) **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

As the priest approaches the altar all say together:

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

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

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
and also with you.

Penitential Rite (STAND)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have
mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all
your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries:

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

cy we may be always free from sin and safe from all
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the com-
ing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I
leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant
her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei (KNEEL)

**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.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, the following
hymn is sung:*

**Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.**

Prayer after Communion (STAND)

Let us pray.

*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the
silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands
extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of
which the people acclaim: Amen.*

All then pray:

**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**

**Now He bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter Heav'n. Alleluia!**

**Thou, our Paschal lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed:
Take our sins and guilt away,
that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!**

As the priest says the Offertory Prayers the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:
**All: Save us, save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer: (STAND)

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mer-

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will. Amen. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23

(New Testament Page 101 in the Bibles) Peter blames the Jews for their failure to recognise Jesus as the Messiah, whose miracles were a proof that he had been sent by God. Peter quotes a psalm to show that the resurrection had been foretold in the Old Testament.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 30)

R/. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. ®

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.®

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. ®

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. ®

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1: 17-21

(New Testament Page 196 in the Bibles) teaches that Christians must live as the obedient children of God, God who is at once a kind Father and strict judge. We who have been redeemed at the cost of Christ's blood must live in a manner pleasing to Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak to us. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Luke 24: 13-35

(New Testament Page 76 in the Bibles) shows how the disciples who had been saddened by the death of Jesus were overjoyed when they recognised him as he broke the bread.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

(STAND)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, conscious of our communion with all God's faithful people who have gone before us to be admitted into his presence, let us place our hopes and aspirations before him through Christ, the 'first-fruits' of those to rise from the dead.

We pray for the pilgrim Church on earth....., for the Church suffering in Purgatory, that we may all be united one day with the Church triumphant in heaven.

V/. Lord, in your mercy

R/. **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the hope of heaven will encourage and support us through life's trials and temptations.

We pray for the modern world that has no hope of life after death....., that many may find the way out of emptiness and despair through faith in the risen Christ.

We thank you for the gift of the Spirit, which is our guarantee of eternal life. May the Spirit strengthen and sustain all those in need...; and all those who are sick.....for all those suffering with COVID-19, and generally amongst the Sick we pray for.....Fr Beau Brandie, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Jean, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Rosie, Stacey, Isa, Jonny Thorp, Wendy, Janet, Gren, David, Mike, Adam Viard...*for all those in hospital; those awaiting the results of medical tests; the housebound, those convalescent at home or in residential care; and all those in need.....* May the Spirit keep us firmly in the virtues which are of eternal importance, love and understanding of others, and compassion for the needy.

We pray for our relatives and friends who have gone before us to meet the Risen Lord...*amongst those who have died recently we pray for...Andy, Bill Barrett, Phyllis Burnett, Betty Green, Alan Goodridge, Joyce Gunstone, Irwin Walker, Paul Woodfield..... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week...*

26th Anne Ryan, Joseph Wallis, George Goodger; **27th** Roy Quick, Mabel Poppleton, Barry Pickthall, Laura Roberts; **28th** Edith Taylor, Kenneth Lucas; **29th** Keziah Neal, Alfred Varney; **30th** Audrey Lambert, John Black; **1st May** Florence Brown, Michael Turtill; **2nd** Iris White, Harry Chown, Shirley Cannon, Larry Francis..... and for all victims of COVID-19, all involved in disasters and accidents, for the victims of violence in our own country. May they enjoy the reward of eternal life.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Lord God, you have prepared for those who love you what no eye has seen, no ear has heard. Fill our hearts with your love, so that loving you above all and in all, we may attain your promises, which the heart of man has not conceived, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The following hymn is sung:

**Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ hath broken every chain;
Hark, angelic voices cry,
Singing evermore on high, Alleluia!**

**He, who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal lamb today;
We too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!**

**He, who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry; Alleluia!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluia!**

**He who slumbered in the grave,
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!**