

(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.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.
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:

***Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to His name.***

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.**

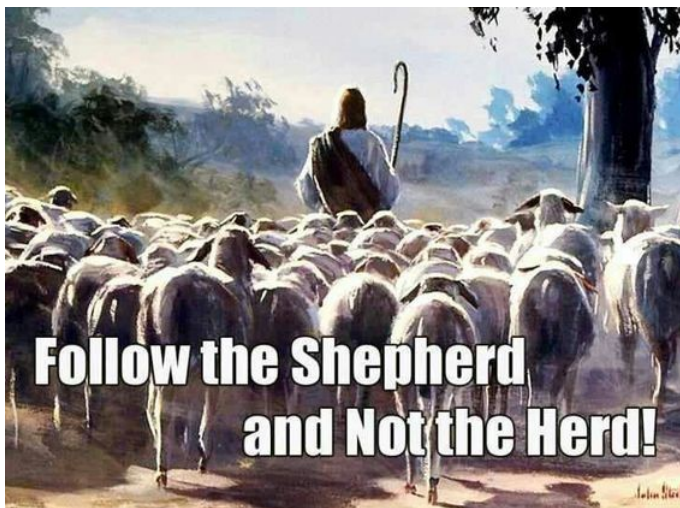
**We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.**

**God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia!**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

Communion Reflection:

Lord, you came on earth to teach us the way to the Father. You taught us that true wealth is not in having many things, but in desiring few things; that we are made rich, not by the things we cling to, but by those we give away for love; that real success is not in raising ourselves but in raising others; that humility is nobler than pride in our strength; that the truly free are not those who dominate others but those whose life is one of loving service to human needs. Amen.



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May AD 2020

PARISH MASS SHEET



There are many people today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

This is a misfortune that could happen to any one of us, unless we think often of our purpose and our end in life. We have a few short years, but short though they be, we can earn for ourselves an eternity of happiness during this life. Let the straying sheep boast of their false freedom and of the passing joys they may get in this life—this freedom and these joys are mixed with much sorrow, and will end very soon. We know that if we follow the shepherd of our souls, we are on the way to the true life, the perfect life, the unending life which will have no sorrow, regret or pain. Where Christ is, there perfect happiness is, and there with God's grace we hope and trust to be.

Prayer Thought

We are the sheep of God's pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. In today's celebration of the Eucharist we are reminded of the Lord's care for us and called to follow him. We give thanks to him that through Christ, the door of the sheepfold, we have come to belong to him and can trust him at all times.

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND:

(STAND) **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

As the priest approaches the altar all say together:

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord
the heavens were made, 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,**

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:*

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more:**

**Hallow ev'ry pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest..**

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
live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

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 Faith-
ful 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-
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.**

O God, almighty 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.**

**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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resur-
rection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the
death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may
seek those things which are above, where he 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: 14a, 36-41
*(New Testament Page 101 in the Bibles) Peter affirms
that Jesus who had been rejected by the Jews now
reigns in heaven as Lord of the world. Peter's hearers
repented of having rejected Jesus and they accepted
baptism.*

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 23)

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. ®

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ®

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ®

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ®

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 20b-25

(New Testament Page 197 in the Bibles) stresses the fact that we owe our salvation to the sufferings of Jesus. Following the example of Christ, who willingly suffered for us, we should patiently hear the trials of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

John 10: 1-10

(New Testament Page 92 in the Bibles) teaches that Jesus is the true shepherd who leads those who believe in him to salvation. Apart from Jesus and the representatives whom he appoints all other leaders are thieves and brigands.

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, the Lord is the Shepherd who knows each one of his flock by name. let us offer our prayers to God, trusting in his love for each one of us.

That the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church may proclaim the Gospel of the risen Christ by serving those who walk in the valley of darkness....

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That men and women who struggle for human rights and dignity may never follow false leaders or ways of violence.

That those who are unjustly punished may not succumb to bitterness, but unite themselves to Jesus

Christ.

That our young people may have life and have it to the full through fidelity to the Good Shepherd; and that the Lord would raise up vocations to the Sacred Ministry and the Religious Life.

That the Holy Spirit may 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.*

That the dead may pass through the gate of the sheepfold and rejoice with the Shepherd and guardian of their souls, especially.....*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...*
3rd Doreen Cowan; **5th** William Mundy, Annie Morgan; **6th** Walter Hind; **7th** Sarah Godfrey, Richard Wenlock, Fanny Syrratt, Harold West, Harriet Watson; **8th** Emily Powell, Maud Tapp, Terry Crook; **9th** Jane West, Charles Saggars, Eric Steer (*priest*)..... 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: Most gentle Father, you guide us along the right path; your Son is always there, beside us. Comfort us by granting these prayers, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The following hymn is sung:

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

**Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort**