

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:*

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along!  
For love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!**

**Communion Reflection:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we believe in you, we believe in your Father. Do not let our hearts be troubled. Help us to continue your work. May the lives we live point to the power of your redeeming love. Prepare us for the day when you will come again. Take us to that place which you have prepared for us, Come Lord Jesus, come!

*It being Mary's Month of May, we sing:*

**As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
And fill me with your love.**

***Ave Maria,  
Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
Benedicta tu.***

**All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.**

**As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.**

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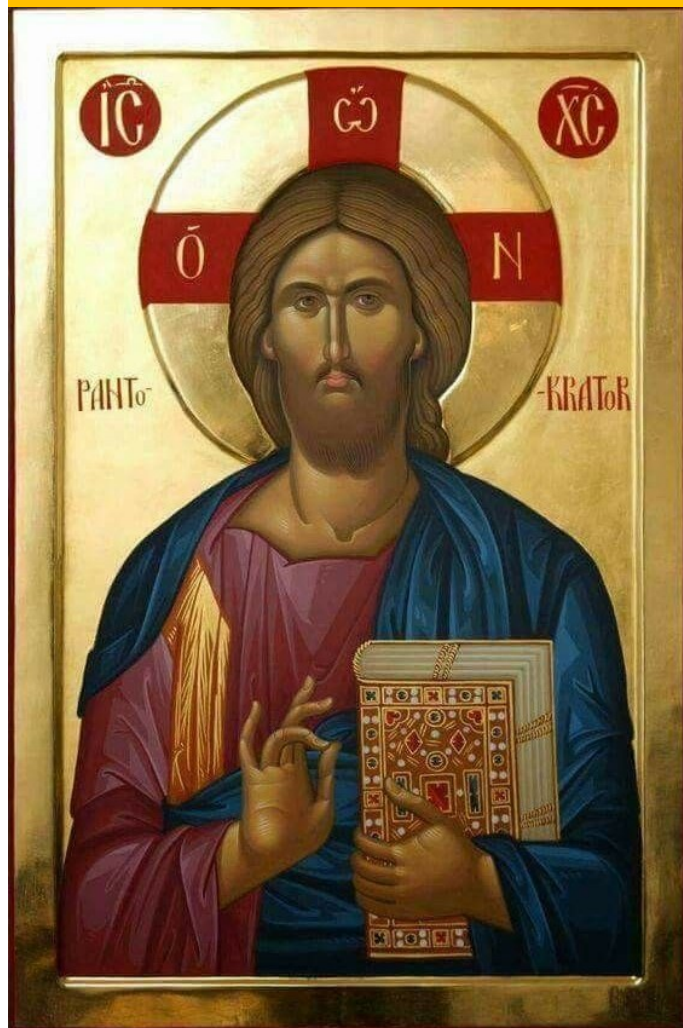


**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,  
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10th May AD 2020

**PARISH MASS SHEET**



Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind. His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance.

Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11 :33).

"What return can I make to the Lord?" All the mortifications and good works of all the holy men and women that ever lived, or will live, would not be adequate a return to God for the miracle of love He has shown toward us. But He accepts the widow's mite, the little acts of love, the little proofs of gratitude, the willing acceptance of the crosses He sends us, to purify us. In one word, all He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

### **Prayer Thought**

Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me'. The Eucharist is the celebration of our being able to come to the Father because Jesus opened the way for us by his death and resurrection. Today as we celebrate the greatness of the Father's love for us in giving us his Son, Jesus, we pray that we may reveal this way to the world.

*As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND:*

### **(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

*As the priest approaches the altar all say together:*

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, 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. Kyrie eleison, eleison  
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.**

**Christe eleison, eleison**

**Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie eleison, 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.**

**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:*

**O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal:  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!  
I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;  
Each loving soul by Thee is fed  
With Thine own Self in form of Bread.**

**O food of life, Thou Who dost give  
The pledge of immortality;  
I live, no 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,  
And every grief with joy repays.**

**O Bond of love that dost unite  
The servant to his living Lord;  
Could I dare live and not requite  
Such love - then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.**

**Beloved Lord, in Heaven above  
There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me,  
To gaze on Thee with changeless love;  
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can He deny me Heaven,  
Who here on earth Himself hath given? .**

### **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.*

**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.**

### **(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.**

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 mercy  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all  
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming  
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.**

**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, who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your  
grace going before us you put into our minds good  
desires, so by your continual help we may bring them  
to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 6: 1-7

Some felt that they were being neglected in the Christian  
community. Seven deacons were chosen to look  
after their material needs. The apostles were to be fully  
occupied in prayer and in preaching.

**The Responsorial Psalm** (from Psalm 33)

**R/. May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.®

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. ®

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. ®

**The Second Reading** 1 Peter 2: 4-9

St Peter tells us that Christ gives us a share in his divine  
life. He makes us members of his Mystical Body. As  
such we must worship God in our whole life and activity.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. **Alleluia!**

### The Gospel

John 14: 1-12

*(New Testament Page 92 in the Bibles) reminds us that Christ has prepared a place for us in heaven. This thought should give us confidence and joy. Christ himself teaches us the truth and points out the way that leads to eternal life.*

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, baptised and chosen as a priestly people, let us come to our Father on behalf of all our brothers and sisters, praying through Christ, "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

For the people chosen and consecrated by God, that his Church may always praise him with reverent worship....

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

For the rulers of the nations, that they may recognise the service provided by the Church and so respect her rights and freedom....

For those stumbling on their search for faith, that they may come to God through Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father....

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, Peter, 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.*

For the dead, that they may enter the place that Christ has prepared for them, 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... **10th** Ann Smith, Rosa Clarke, Harriet Roberts, Mary West, Mary Kirk, Neneh Bidwell, Charles Norgate; **11th** Ruby Foskett; **12th** Robert Webb, Evelyn Rayner; **13th** Mollie Jones, Sylvia Lovesey; **15th** Brian Williams, John Spencer; **16th** Patricia Bonham, Laurie Pell..... 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.**

For ourselves as living stones in a spiritual house, that we may embrace the courage and strength bestowed upon us through the Holy Spirit....

*Priest:* Father, most holy, we thank you for the wonders of your generous care. We beseech you to bestow your love upon us as we call upon you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!**

**It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.**

**Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,  
My Shield and Hiding Place,  
My never-failing Treas'ry filled  
With boundless stores of grace!**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Husband, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King;  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.**

*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.**