

Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Crimson streams, O King of grace,
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face;
floods of love's redeeming tide
tore thy hands, thy feet, and side.

Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

Refrain after final verse:

**Sing with joy in ev'ry home :
"Christ our King, thy kingdom come!
To the King of ages, then,
honour, glory, love : Amen!"**

Communion Reflection: (from the Orthodox Liturgy)

Troparion:

O Christ God, You have ascended in Glory,
Granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured
That You are the Son of God,
The Redeemer of the world!

Kontakion:

When You did fulfil the dispensation for our sake,
And unite earth to Heaven:
You did ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
Not being parted from those who love You,
But remaining with them and crying:
I am with you and no one will be against you.

As it is Mary's month of May we have a short act of devotion concluding with:

**For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored
as on her child she gazed.**

**The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.**

**The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.**

**She gave her body for God's shrine
Her heart to piercing pain,
and knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
to every family.**

**Hail, Mary, thou art full of grace,
above all women blest;
blest in your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.**

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

21st May AD 2020

PARISH MASS SHEET



Prayer Thought

In today's feast we celebrate our hope that one day we will be with Jesus at the Father's right hand. In the meantime he has promised to be with us in our struggle to live as his followers and to spread his message. From his presence we draw strength and take courage.

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND:

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

As the priest approaches the altar all say together:

**You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
praise the Lord,
who ascends above the highest heavens;
his majesty and might are in the skies, 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.**

**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,**

**so may we here, who gather now in friendship,
seek for the spirit of those earlier churches,
welcome the one who stands and for an entrance
patiently searches.**

**As, when their converse closed and supper ended,
taking the bread and wine they made thanksgiving,
breaking and blessing, thus to have communion
with Christ the living;**

**so may we here, a company of brothers,
make this our love-feast and commemoration,
that in his Spirit we may have more worthy
participation.**

**And as they prayed and sang to thee rejoicing,
ere in the night-fall they embraced and parted,
in their hearts singing as they journeyed homeward,
brave and true-hearted;**

**so may we here, like corn that once was scattered
over the hill-side, now one bread united,
led by the Spirit, do thy work rejoicing,
lamps filled and lighted.**

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.**

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:*

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

Refrain:

**Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"**

**King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;**

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.**

**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:

**As the disciples, when thy Son had left them,
met in a love-feast, joyfully conversing,
all the stored memory of the Lord's last supper
fondly rehearsing;**

**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

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

(New Testament Page 100 in the Bibles) tells of the final parting of Jesus from his disciples and of his raising to heaven from where he will send the Spirit.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 47)

**R/. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. ®

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. ®

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. ®

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 17-23

(New Testament Page 161 in the Bibles) tells of the ascended Christ taking his proper place in heaven as Lord of creation and head of the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 28: 16-20

(New Testament Page 29 in the Bibles) Christ's commission to his disciples before he leaves them.

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, when our risen Saviour ascended into heaven, angels reminded his disciples that he would come back again. Until he comes, we continue his work by praying for all peoples and their needs.

That the Church on earth will ever keep to its evangelical mission of making disciples of all nations...

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

That the leaders of the world may realise that they will be called to give an account of their work to Jesus Christ when he returns as our judge.....

That no one will be so attached to this earth as to regret being called to eternal life in heaven....

For our Parish, that we may all come to the maturity of faith in the fullness of the risen Christ...

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 by name for.....Fr Beau Brandie, Jane, 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.*

That all our beloved dead may ascend to glory with Christ our Great High Priest and King, especially.....*amongst those who have died recently we pray for...* Andy, Bill Barrett, Phyllis Burnett, Betty Green, Alan Goodridge, Bet Jones, Joyce Gunstone, Ivy MacFarlane, Detcho Stoyanov, Irwin Walker, Paul Woodfield..... *and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week...* **17th** Lawrence Clarkson; **18th** Gladys Goodger, Stanley Jacques; **19th** Sarah Bennett, Maura Gurney; **20th** Mary Barry; **21st** Janet Padwicke; **22nd** Patrick King, Alan Shaw; **23rd** Edie Daniels, Daisy Ambrose..... 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 during the remainder of this week, that we may offer an acceptable sacrifice...

Priest: God our Father in heaven, your Son is now seated at your right hand, enthroned in eternal glory. We make our petitions through him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!**

**Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!**

**See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!**

**Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
far above the starry height, Alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!
partners of thy eternal reign, Alleluia!
there thy face forever see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee, 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.'