

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;
R/. And dwelt among us.

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blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**R/. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus
Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and
Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrec-
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Recessional:
Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux - Francios Couperin**

*Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased.
This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore
applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Par-
ish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All
Saints via the West (Tower) door. The Priest will be outside in
the churchyard.*

Masses this week:

Wednesday **St Martha**
18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For Fr Bernard Barrett & his Parish

Next Sunday: **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

A Prayer to use after Mass

Lord my God,
teach me where and how to seek you,
where and how to find you.
Let me seek you in desiring you,
let me desire you as I seek for you.
Let me find you in loving you,
let me love you in finding you.
(Adapted from St Anselm)



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

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

26th July AD 2020



*Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example
of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the
"apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread
and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)*

Our Gospel reading this morning continues the theme of
last Sunday: the Kingdom and its members. Just as with
the field that is sown with good seed and then the ene-
my sows tares, so this week we hear this theme taken
up again with the Parable of the net, where the fish have
to be sorted, once drawn ashore, into good and bad. As I
was compiling the sheet this week, the following quote,
from Archbishop Fulton Sheen, popped up in my email
inbox:

*"Very few people believe in the devil these days, which
suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate
the news of his own death. The essence of God is exist-
ence, and He defines Himself as: "I am Who am". The es-
sence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: "I am
who am not". Satan has very little trouble with those who
do not believe in him; they are already on his side."*

As fish in the net let us turn to the Lord, for it is he alone
who can make us good.

INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, there are certain restrictions that we are required to observe for some time. I am sure that you will understand that whilst these are requirements placed upon us, they have been done so for good reason.

- ◆ Only 3 or 4 Church Bells are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ Entry and exit to our Parish Churches must be via separate doors - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be a social gathering in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass. Please allow the priest time to take off his vestments and move to the churchyard before leaving either of our churches yourselves.
- ◆ Only one Priest will Celebrate Mass observing the necessary hygiene before, during and after Mass.
- ◆ There will be no 'shared' Mass cards. Instead each week new Orders of Mass will be printed with the full text of the Mass printed upon them. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ The First and Second Readings may be read by Sister Janet from the Legilium which will be placed inside the Sanctuary at St Mary & St Giles. The Nave Lectern and the Pulpit will not be in use as we would have to sanitise it after each person has used it. When Fr Tunji is celebrating if the Rector is away, then he will read the First & Second Readings.
- ◆ Until further notice all singing, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. Within a week or two the Rector & our Director of Music will have planned 'Organ Masses' - these are where incidental music is played on the organ at certain parts of the Mass. But such incidental music will not be accompanied by singing.
- ◆ Collections: Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ 'The Peace' may not be shared physically. We may however join our hands and bow to each other at The Peace.
- ◆ When going forward to receive Holy Communion - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ 'Holy Communion' may only be received in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands and not on the tongue.
- ◆ Please maintain a two metre distance from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ Lavatory Facilities. A surprise guideline from the Government does allow for lavatories to be used - which may come as a relief! However, this guideline comes with very strict hygiene regulations. Only the larger of the two lavatories only will be open at SMSG (at All Saints there is only one). Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there will be a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that once more we shall be able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

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.**

*The **Communion Antiphon** is sung by the Cantor after the Priest has received Holy Communion:*

R/. The kingdom of heaven is like a wise merchant, seeking truly fine pearls; when he finds one truly precious pearl, he giveth all his goods and purchases that one.

I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always in my mouth.

My soul shall boast in the Lord
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see that the Lord is good
blessed the man that trusteth in him.

Come children hearken unto me
I will teach you the fear of the Lord. R/.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Blessed Jesu, we are here' BWV 731 - J S Bach

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

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.

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and blesses them using a form 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.

Thanks be to God.

The Priest and ministers face the Shrine of Our Lady and we join in 'The Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation):

O my Lord, I cried unto thee, and Thou has healed me.

*Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which 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 holy 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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.

Prayer Thought

Our quest for the Kingdom of God involves both a readiness to risk what we hold most dear and the wisdom to appreciate the deepest values of life itself. In our Mass today, Jesus our teacher invites us to ponder the word and to search for a way to live wisely and adventurously.

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'New Every Morning is the Love' - CHH Parry

*As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND, and the Cantor sings the **Introit Antiphon:***

God in his holy habitation; He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house; He will give strength and fortitude to His people.

Ps. Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered. Let them also that hate Him flee before him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

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.

**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.**

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 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.

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

(Old Testament Page 251 in the Bibles) we hear king Solomon wisdom of God. True wisdom is found in Christ.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 119)

R/. Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. ®

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. ®

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. ®

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. ®

The Second Reading Romans 8: 28-30

(New Testament Page 131 in the Bibles) St Paul reminds us that through God's grace we can turn everything in life to our own spiritual advantage.

Gospel Acclamation (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel Matthew 13: 44-52

(New Testament Page 13 in the Bibles) Christ, through short parables, tells us that we should praise himself and his Church above every-thing else

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 Nicene Creed STAND

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 men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *all bow during the next three lines*

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayer of the Faithful (STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, the Lord speaks to us, as he spoke to King Solomon. In prayer let us come before him and seek the hidden treasure, the pearl of the kingdom...

Intercessor: For our Bishop, Jonathan, and all bishops who work for the coming of the kingdom of heaven...

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the leaders of those nations that are affected by poverty, famine and injustice....

For those working for a fair distribution of the food and resources of the earth....

That the sick and the aged in our community may be give strength and grace through the Holy Spirit, especially....Jane, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Eileen Scarff, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Ida...

That those who have died may be gathered into the harvest of the kingdom, especially..Mike, Andy, Beryl Beach, Ivy MacFarlane, Florence Ononeme, John Pendlington, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**26th** Fanny Downing, Charles Perceval (Priest), Clara Read, Michael Viard; **27th** Karen Dare; **28th** Edward Worley, Alan Rose; **30th** Iris Morgan; **1st Aug** Alice Cowan...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: O God of provident love, you call your people into your kingdom; you make all things work to their good. Be pleased to hear our prayers and we beseech you to grant our requests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar. The Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:***

I will magnify Thee, O my Lord,
because Thou hast set me up,
and not allowed mine enemies to rejoice over me;