

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):

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.**

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/. 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 resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: Paeon - Philip Moore

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 Parish 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 Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest & Religious**
18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For the Local Employers & their Employees

Thursday **Our Lady of Walsingham**
10:30 Mass at All Saints
Intention: For our Church Architect: Camilla Finlay

Friday **Feria**
12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Intention: For our Refuse Collectors and Street Cleaners

Next Sunday: **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am Family Mass at All Saints
Intention: The Parish

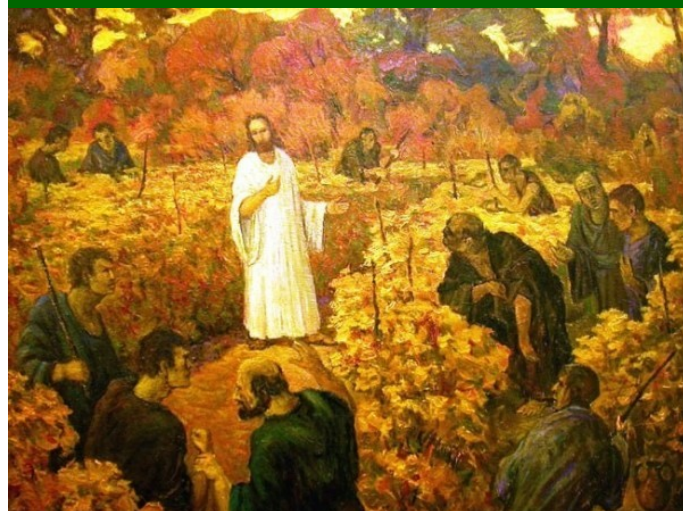
A Prayer to use after Mass

Holy Communion is always the sign of God's generosity. As we thank God for all his gifts, we ask that we might live the communion we share: *Lord, teach us to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to think of wounds, to work and look for no reward, except that of knowing that we are doing your holy will.*



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

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
20th September 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)

The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labour honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and preparing for eternity. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honouring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing through the merits of Christ's Cross and Resurrection. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians. 10 : 31)."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we done all to the glory of God or for vainglorious reasons?

If vainglorious, those years are lost to us. We were as it were, 'standing idle all day,' like those at the 11th hour in the market place. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still merit eternity if we listen to God's call, accept Christ as our Saviour and work diligently in His vineyard. God is in no one's debt; through Christ we are in debt to Him..

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.

- ◆ **Face-coverings: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. The ONLY exceptions to this Law are where a worshipper has a Respiratory Illness diagnosed by a GP that would be aggravated by wearing a mask, or where a worshipper has a physical or mental condition that would make the putting on of a mask impossible. Those who have not been wearing masks inside our churches during worship when they should have done are putting others at risk of infection, and are politely asked to ensure that from now on they wear masks. If you have a written exemption from your GP please show this to the Rector, so that he can reassure others if he is asked.
- ◆ **Sidesmen:** It would be very helpful, especially at St Mary & St Giles to have one of the team scheduled to be on duty each Sunday to guide people up to the altar rail row by row during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- ◆ 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 an **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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a single person as Cantor and Organ Music played.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **'Receiving Holy Communion'** is 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.** 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 we are 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.

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.

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

R/. Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments. O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep thy statutes.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way *
who walk, in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies *
and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity *
they walk in his ways.

I will keep thy statutes *
O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall the young cleanse his way *
by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

I have declared thy ways and thou heardest me *
teach me thy statutes

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Sicillienne - Maria Theresa von Paradis

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,

Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:**

Though I may walk in the midst of tribulation,
yet shalt thou refresh me, O Lord,
and upon the fury of mine enemies,
Thou shalt stretch forth thy hand,
and thy right hand shall save 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

Prayer Thought

Welcome home. God's house is where we belong. Let God's peace envelop you. The finger of God is here because Jesus is with us. Let the word of God find us ready listeners. All is grace here. Faith kindles faith and the food of eternal life is given for our nourishment. The Mass is a big thank you to our loving and merciful Father.

(STAND) **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Organ Introit:
Prelude on 'Londonderry Air' - Noel Rawsthorne**

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

I am the salvation of the people, saith the Lord in whatsoever tribulation they shall call upon me, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Ps. Hear my law, O my people *
incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

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

O God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Isaiah 55: 6-9

(Old Testament Page 623 in the Bibles) God reminds us of his holiness and wisdom through the mouth of an Old Testament prophet. His ways are not our ways. We require faith to understand his wisdom.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 145)

R/. The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. ®

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. ®

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. ®

The Second Reading

Philippians 1: 20-24,27

(New Testament Page 165 in the Bibles) we begin a series of readings from an important letter of Paul the apostle, that is, the letter to the Philippians. The readings will continue for the next three Sundays. In today's reading, the apostle speaks of the one thing necessary - union with Christ through a true Christian life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16

(New Testament Page 18 in the Bibles) we listen to Christ's parable on the workers in the vineyard. God in his goodness has called us all to eternal life. Let us be thankful for this gift.

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, God's ways are not our ways, and his justice and generosity exceed our standards. In the knowledge of this, let us come to him in prayer, confident that he will hear us.

Intercessor: For for Bishop Jonathan, and all the pastors who serve God's People...

V/. Lord, hear us.

R/. Lord, graciously hear us.

For those nations where justice and freedom are denied to the people....

For our parish, and the strengthening of our common life, for those who work for human dignity to be upheld, and for those who work for the welfare of animals...

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

For those who have died recently, in particular we are asked to pray for...Gail Anderson, John Beales, Stanley Groves, Lucinda Lourie, Georgia Martin, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**20th** Jessie Saunders, Susan Flinders; **21st** Richard Canvin, Gill Holland, Marjorie Wildman, Gary Godleman, Reg Crompton; **22nd** Dorothea Burgess, Joan Chambers, Joan Brown; **23rd** Richard Jacques, Norman Stephenson, Kenneth Edwards, Philip Whelan, Shelia Carter; **24th** Thomas Read; **26th** Susan Whelan, Gweneth Stock...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Loving Father, you are near to all who call on you. We beseech you to grant these petitions in your generous care and abundant compassion. 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