

es out to heal that hurt.

It is all part of the revelation of the God who is love. He doesn't love faceless crowds but individual persons whom He meets face to face.

It is writ large in Scripture - the woman with the issue of blood, whose touch is felt amid the pressing of the crowd, the man by the pool of Siloam, the man with the withered hand, the cry of the man by the side of the road heard above the din of the crowd....

Our Lord loves every single one of us as though we were the only one in His Presence. He loves us because we are made in God's Image and destined to be His brothers and sisters.

And the colour of our skin, our ethnicity, our wealth or poverty, our power and our powerlessness....or as St Paul puts it " nothing in life, not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Face to face..... that's why at the heart of every local community there must be a Parish Priest gathering the local Church to proclaim that truth loud and clear and ensuring that everyone knows it is addressed to them.

(I have known Fr Sam for many years, and he was inspired to write this whilst, on Easter Day this year, reflecting on the need for people to return to Public Worship, because he realised that the Lord doesn't deal with people via Zoom or Teams, but in person: face to face. It is in the Mass that we meet him in person as we open our hearts and lives to receive him under the veils of Bread and Wine in the Blessed Sacrament. It is in worship that we seek his mercy, his love, his healing and his grace. Many of us have been deprived for so long that we have forgotten just how much we need to meet with Jesus, and indeed just how much Jesus misses us. Fr Ross)



Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury on the Daily Office: "The point of the Daily Office is to root your prayer in the scriptures and in the Church's corporate prayer. The Daily Office in psalm and canticle and lection tells of God's historic revelation and redemption and of the response of the Church down the ages in praise and thanksgiving. We need to soak ourselves in this if our prayer is to be fully in Christ's name and to his glory, and one with the redeemed people of God. In the Daily Office we are lifted beyond the contemporary; and let us be sure that we will serve the contemporary scene effectively only if we are sometimes lifted beyond it, praying with the Church across the ages and with the communion of God's saints. We all experience times when the Daily Office is a burden; persevere, and you [will] find it less a burden than a wonderful liberation."

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Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



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

**THE TENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

6th June AD 2021



James Tissot, 'The crowds came together'

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)



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, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ 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 - 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 - brief social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. 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 small choir and Organ Music played - a recessional hymn may be sung within in the churchyard.
- ◆ **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 own hands and bow to each other at The Peace, whilst saying the customary greeting.
- ◆ **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 - 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 is 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.

Reflection before Mass: *Our experience of troubles and trials are part of the wider reality of evil in the world. Today we remember in faith that Jesus is the one who overcomes all evil.*

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

We welcome the Year 4 Handbell Ringers from St Mary and St Giles School, who provide music for this morning's Mass.

Music before Mass: Peal of Bells

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND; and the priest and ministers enter the Sanctuary the Cantor sings the **Antiphon:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When there came upon me mine enemies, they did stumble, and they did fall!

Ps. Though an host of men were laid against me *
yet shall not my heart be afraid.

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
without 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.

Office and Sacristy, this year monies raised in Stony Live Week will go to the Fabric Fund. It is always a good thing for such a fund to have a healthy balance in case of emergencies, and so we need to build this fund up again.

Music - Lunchtime Organ Recitals and Third Thursday @ Twelve-Thirty concerts will, we hope, resume very soon. They will be advertised in the weekly sheet and on posters in and outside the church.

Parish Weekend Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: a pilgrimage has been arranged with the Shrine for the weekend of the 30th July to 1st August. We have been allotted up to 20 places. Booking forms are available in both churches. A deposit of £30.00 is required at the time of booking - which will, of course, be deducted from the full cost of the Pilgrimage Accommodation, which is £143.00 on a full board basis. Travel costs, if a coach/mini-bus is hired will be extra.



From the Director of Music: St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford, has enjoyed a rich and varied musical tradition for many years and is now seeking additional Sopranos/Altos/Tenors and Basses for the soon to be re-established Parish Church Choir in September 2021. It is hoped that this will be a group of significant musical standing in the area., and it will be affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM).

Varied Motets, Anthems and full choral settings of the Eucharist will feature, with rehearsals held on Wednesday evenings during term time, from 7:00-8:30pm. Jonathan Kingston is the Director of Music (himself a professional musician) and aims to ensure that all singers enjoy exploring a rich variety of repertoire in a wholly positive atmosphere, while striving for high musical standards. The choir will aim to sing on the first and third Sundays at the 9:30am Choral Eucharist and in due course, concert opportunities will follow.

As the ranks are swelled, an exciting programme of choral music awaits in one of the best acoustics in the area!

With new opportunities now being present, please consider coming and being a part of Stony's choral expansion - we would be delighted to see you.

Interested singers should contact Jonathan Kingston directly at: jonkingston@hotmail.co.uk

Celebrants at Mass: A number of people have asked why I have not been celebrating at All Saints on Sundays in the last few months, although I have been doing so on Tuesdays. It is because that it was made quite clear to me that a priest should not go from one church to another immediately to help prevent any potential cross-infection. Once I have passed the two week point after my second vaccination, I would be able to. However, I now have to quarantine and look after Sister Janet from the 4th June, as she has her second hip replacement surgery. My first Sunday back at All Saints, will therefore be the 20th June.

A Reflection by Prebendary Sam Philpott (onetime Vicar of Plymouth, St Peter & The Apostles): I wonder how many of you approach the hearing of Scripture as though you were looking around a familiar room as for the first time. I just love poking about. It is surprising how 'often heard' things take you by surprise.

In St Mark's Gospel set for Easter Day the young man at the Empty Tomb tells the women to "go and tell the disciples AND PETER..."

There is a great truth to be learned from his singling Peter out from the others. Peter denied his Master three times in spite of being forewarned and the Lord knew the deepness of Peter's sense that he had deserted his Master when Jesus was in greatest need. Now Jesus reach-

RAISE THE ROOF

The Rector will produce a list of the names so commemorated suitable to be framed and hung on a wall in the lobby outside the Parish Office for all to see.

As from this morning forms to donate tiles will be available in church. The forms contain space for the donation of individual tiles in memory of up to ten loved ones and the donation requested for each tile supplied and fitted is £4.99. The completed forms with cash or cheque (payable to 'The PCC of Stony Stratford with Calverton') donations can be handed to either Bob Scarff or Fr Ross. There is also the option of electronic transfer, as the PCC Bank Details are included on the form. You may also know of relations, friends and neighbours who would like to donate tiles in memory of a loved one - so please do take a form for them too.

Once the exterior works are complete, the PCC, when funds permit, wishes to complete the desk work to the east wall of the Parish Office; comprising a taller unit for the parish photocopier - with paper kept above it - space for the filing cabinet along with an extension to the desk. The Parish Office will then gradually become the office from which Parish Administration takes place.

Further Easing of Restrictions: It is likely that no final decision on the easing of COVID Restrictions will be made until the 14th June. Therefore, the following group activities and events must be understood to be 'subject to' those restrictions being eased.

Squeals on Wheels - our weekly Toddler Group will resume on Monday 5th July in The Parish Hall from 9:30 - 11am. Parents/Grandparents/Carers are welcome to bring their children from birth to preschool age (and their siblings in the school holidays) to stay and play. We are a small informal group that encourages children and adults to play together and share support and friendship. Hot and cold drinks and biscuits will be served and there is no charge. We are open every Monday, except Bank Holidays. We look forward to seeing you.

Coffee Morning - We hope to be delighted to hold our first Coffee Morning for many months on Saturday, 3rd July. Come and join us in The Parish Hall (or Parish Church if the Hall is still needed due to the building works) from 10:00am - 12:00noon for a hot drink and delicious homemade cake and great company. Do also stop off at the High Street door to see what's on offer on our stall full of interesting items. We hope to make the first Saturday of the month coffee morning a tradition once again.

Classic Car Festival - Sunday, 4th July. As part of *Stony Live!* week, Stony Stratford will be full of classic cars on this day. We are planning to serve refreshments in The Parish Hall to the many visitors this event will bring. If you can make small cakes for this event or help serve on the day, please let Lesley Salter know as soon as possible (07789 898847).

From the Rector: During Stony Live Week we have always take the opportunity to raise money for the Restoration Fund. However, the PCC has agreed that we will now have a separate fund for Specific Projects such as the 'Greater Access Project' as well as a Fabric Fund for each of our Parish Churches. As we will have emptied the Fabric Fund to cover the cost of essential repairs to the Parish

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 is said:

**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 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 Collect

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Genesis 3: 9-15

(Old Testament Page 2 in the Bibles) contains the original good news of redemption - that the seed of the woman would

crush the evil forces of the world in which we live.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 130)

**R/. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. ©

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. ©

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. ©

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. ©

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

(New Testament Page 151 in the Bibles) St Paul states his belief in the resurrection of Jesus, which is a guarantee that we will be raised also. We continue to live with courage, because our earthly difficulties will lead to eternal glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Now shall the ruler of this world be cast out, says the Lord;
and I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men to myself.

Alleluia!

The Gospel Mark 3: 20-35

(New Testament Page 32 in the Bibles) shows Jesus defending himself against the Jerusalem officials. His power comes from God, not from the evil one. Friendship with him involves a readiness to obey the will of God.

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.

Reflection after Mass:

The tragedy of man began in the garden, its image is a tree, the tree of knowledge. This tree became the focus for man's temptation to usurp equality with God. There came a second Adam who endured a different kind of tragedy. This Adam knew only goodness and overcame evil because although he had equality with God he surrendered it in humility. This Adam was plucked lifeless from the tree of the cross so that he could become the first fruit of the new creation. The fruit of this tree is now the bread that is broken, the body that is given, which we have received. This fruit brings life not death, it nourishes us and shapes us as we grow more into the likeness of the new man ready to share everlasting life.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY:
9:30am ©
11:15am
Intention:

Wednesday
6:00pm
Intention:

Thursday
6:45pm
7:30pm
Please pray for:

Next Sunday:
9:30am
11:15am
Intention:

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
Family Mass at All Saints
The Parish

St Columba, Abbot
Mass at St Mary & St Giles
The Religious Orders in England

Feria
Handbell Ringing Practice at All Saints
The Band - Practice at All Saints
Those preparing for Christian Marriage

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
Family Mass at All Saints
The Parish

PARISH NOTICES

This Morning we welcome: to the Parish Church, the Handbell Ringers from St Mary & St Giles School., along with Miss Holland (Headteacher) and their parents. I am sorry that I am unable to be with you this morning due to having to quarantine prior to Sister Janet's surgery tomorrow. However, I was able to be present during the rehearsals and I hope that you enjoy the children's contribution to our worship this morning as much as I did listening to them ten days or so ago.

This is the first of what we anticipate being regular contributions from the School to our worship. In July Jonathan Kingston, Miss Holland, and I are planning a singing contribution from the children. Fr Ross

The Sick List & Anniversaries of Death: I would be grateful if I could have an update on the condition of all those we are praying for on the Sick List, so that I am able to keep it as accurate as possible.

I shall be updating the Memorial Registers in both churches at the end of this month. If you desire that names be added, so that loved ones can be prayed for on the Anniversary of their Deaths do please let me know their full name and the date of their deaths. Thank you. Fr Ross

Donate a Tile in Memory of a Loved One: Unfortunately, it has become clear that all the roof tiles on roofs of the Sacristy and the Parish Office will need to be replaced. It is not quite clear how and when this happened, but the 'lugs' that hold the tiles on the batons have worn away and, in addition, at some point the tiles became 'fired on' - which may have happened in one of two ways. Either the fire in 1964 caused the tiles to adhere to one another, or, to reduce the cost of replacing the roof tiles after the fire, the tiles were heated so that they adhered to one another. The budget had allowed for up to 60% of the tiles to be replaced, as would normally be expected, but unfortunately none of the present tiles can be used again.

We are attempting to seek additional grants, but that may prove difficult. Therefore, it has been suggested that we seek donations per tile in memory of a loved one.

THE ANGELUS

Traditionally in the morning, at noon, and in the evening in memory of the Incarnation of the Son of God, the faithful say the following prayers, outside of Eastertide:

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.**

Concluding voluntary on the Handbells - the congregation are asked to remain seated: Peal of Bells

Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the south door, where Fr Tunji will lead the singing of:

**He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.**

**There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
us with Thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

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, gathered together in Christ who conquers all evil, let us come confidently to our heavenly Father as we beseech his mercy on those for whom we pray.

Intercessor: For the Bishops, priests, deacons and lay workers of the Church that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to maintain the faith and impart it to us, that we may all bear faithful witness to Christ....

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

For those who are called to lead the nations that they may strive for peace, justice and harmony amongst all peoples. We pray for all those who are denied the basic necessities of life, for those who are in the midst of warfare or civil strife and for all who suffer at the hands of others....

For our families and friends, and all who live in our parish, that they may come to know the One True God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, and become truly the brothers and sisters of the Lord....

For the sick and suffering; those in hospital, in residential care or convalescent at home; and by name we are asked to pray for...Malcolm, Shirley, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard Desousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Adam Viard, Eric, Jasmine, Davida Wiseman...May they know your presence with them to lift from them all anxiety and be granted the peace that you alone can give...

For the souls of the departed, especially...Margaret Barker, Freda Douglas... *and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time..***6th** Mary Eales, Robert Francis, Nellie Jesson; **8th** Susanna Hutchings, Sarah Mason; **9th** Stuart Bowden; **10th** Philip Coles, King Henson, Ken Staines, Eva Barrett; **11th** Margaret Fountaine, Arthur Ollington, Ronald Mansfield; **12th** Peter Whetstone, George Froggatt, Humphrey Beevor (bishop), Gerald Goodridge... that they may come to that everlasting home not made by human hands...

✠ Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Almighty God and Father, as we humbly beseech your mercy in offering these prayers, we thank you for your Son, the conqueror of sin and death, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

O lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest say mine enemies, "We have prevailed against him."

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 Offerings:

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity. Through Christ our Lord. **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.

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 and the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Whosoever doeth the will of my Father, who is in heaven; he is my brother, sister, and my mother, saith the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times *
his praise continually in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord *
the humble shall hear and be glad.
3. O magnify the Lord with me *
and let us exalt his name together.
4. I sought the Lord and he heard me *
and delivered me from all my fears.
5. O taste and see that the Lord is good *
blessed the man that trusteth him.

Handbells during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Morning has Broken' & 'The Bells of the Angelus'

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.

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. **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.

Bow down for the blessing.

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.