

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:

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.**

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honour and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.**

Communion Reflection:

The difference between
life and death,
the present and eternity
heaven and earth
come to an end in Christ.
God becomes physical,
man becomes divine.
The opportunity is given man
not just spiritually
but fully physical
to become irradiated,
as a person
to be absorbed in the Light.

(Tito Colliander)

It being Mary's Month of May, after the Regina Caeli, we sing:

**Holy Virgin, By God's Decree,
You Were Called Eternally;
That He Could Give His Son To Our Race.
Mary, We Praise You, Hail, Full Of Grace.
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.***

**By Your Faith And Loving Accord,
As The Handmaid Of The Lord,
You Undertook God's Plan To Embrace.
Mary We Thank You, Hail, Full Of Grace.
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.***

**Refuge For Your Children So Weak,
Sure Protection All Can Seek.
Problems Of Life You Help Us To Face.
Mary, We Trust You, Hail, Full Of Grace.
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.***

**To Our Needy World Of Today
Love And Beauty You Portray,
Showing The Path To Christ We Must Trace.
Mary, Our Mother, Hail, Full Of Grace.
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.***

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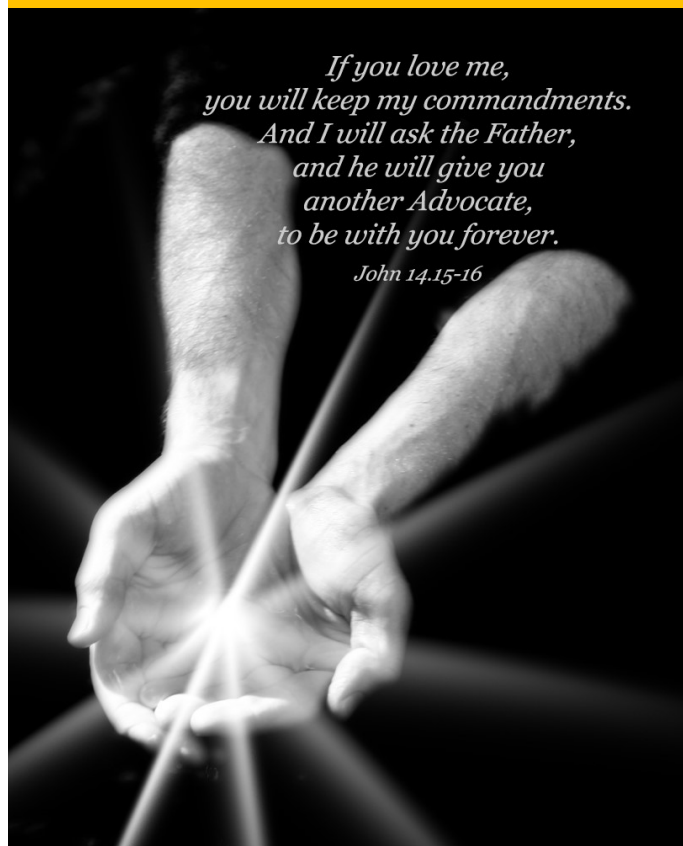


**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May AD 2020

PARISH MASS SHEET



*If you love me,
you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you
another Advocate,
to be with you forever.*

John 14.15-16

The Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we could become His brothers and sisters, and adopted children of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to people of all nations the salvation and exaltation which His life and death had won for us.

Prayer Thought

Fellowship with our risen Lord can be daunting, but there is no need for anxiety for we are Resurrection People. As we listen to the word of the Lord today we are filled with hope. The Spirit is with us and it is He who helps us to understand that this Eucharist is the presence of the glorified Christ coming in word and sacrament to strengthen us.

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND:

(STAND) **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

As the priest approaches the altar all say together:

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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.**

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:*

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

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.**

**Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast..**

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.'

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

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;**

**you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will. Amen. Amen.**

The Collect

O God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8, 14-17

(New Testament Page 106 in the Bibles) tells us that Philip worked miracles like those of Christ. His miracles led many to accept the Gospel. Peter and John sanctioned Philip's work and invoked the Spirit on his converts.

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 66)

R/. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' ®

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men. ®

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. ®

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer

nor withhold his love from me. ®

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 15-18

(New Testament Page 197 in the Bibles) teaches that the Christian must be able to defend his faith and way of life. If the believer suffers for his convictions he must bear his sufferings with the patience of Christ..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If a man loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

John 14: 15-21

(New Testament Page 95 in the Bibles) tells us that we must prove our love for Christ by keeping his commandments. Now that Jesus no longer lives on earth he sends us his Spirit to enable us to live the Christian life.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

(STAND)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, our heavenly Father has not left us as orphans. He has sent us the Holy Spirit. Let us make our common prayer in the power of the Spirit of truth.

For the Church, that she may lead people to love Christ and to keep his commandments....

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

For all who govern and exercise authority, that they may bring peace and justice to the nations of the world....

For the salvation of the world, that missionaries may banish darkness and despair from all hearts and minds....

For our Parish and for the strengthening of our common life, that we may be strengthened to share with others the reason for the hope we cherish....

That the Holy Spirit may strengthen and sustain all

those in need...; and all those who are sick.....for all those suffering with COVID-19, and generally amongst the Sick we pray for.....Fr Beau Brandie, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Jean, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Peter, Rosie, Stacey, Isa, Jonny Thorp, Wendy, Janet, Gren, David, Mike, Adam Viard...*for all those in hospital; those awaiting the results of medical tests; the housebound, those convalescent at home or in residential care; and all those in need.*

For those who have gone before us in death, that they may be raised to the life of the risen Lord, especially.....*amongst those who have died recently we pray for...Andy, Bill Barrett, Phyllis Burnett, Betty Green, Alan Goodridge, Bet Jones, Joyce Gunstone, 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 week ahead, that we may offer an acceptable sacrifice....

Priest: Father of all love, may the sacrifice we are about to offer on this altar ascend with our prayers to you, and bring upon us your blessing and your peace. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph,

His the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of ev'ry nation

Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how;

Though the cloud from sight received him,

When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise?

"I am with you evermore!"

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,

Here on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful

Flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners,

Earth's redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,

Thee the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,

Earth your footstool, heav'n thy throne: