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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.**

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

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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: Alla Danza from 'Water Music' - G F Handel**

*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 Jerome, Priest & Doctor**  
18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles  
*Intention: For all Bible Translators & Commentators*

**Thursday**      **St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor**  
10:30 Mass at All Saints  
*Intention: For young disciples of Jesus Christ*

**Friday**      **The Holy Guardian Angels**  
12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles  
*Intention: For Divine Assistance & Angelic Protection*

**Next Sunday:**      **2&th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles  
11:15am Family Mass at All Saints  
*Intention: The Parish*

**N.B. Gifts of tinned and packet foods, for the MK Food Bank, would  
be much appreciated as Harvest Gifts this year. Thank you.**

**A Prayer to use after Mass**

*Thank you Lord, for once again bringing us together in faith  
and giving us the food of eternal life in this Eucharist. Thank  
you Lord for making the Father known to us. Thank you for  
the blessings we have received, the life we enjoy, the friends  
who gladden us, the neighbours who welcome us. Send us  
your spirit to shape our attitudes and enable us to grow into  
sensitive and sympathetic persons. We live in changing times.  
Gives us the grace to use our time well and to spread your  
peace and serenity.*

**N.B.** Nomination forms for the positions of Churchwarden, Deanery  
Synod Members and PCC Members are available from the Rector  
after Mass this morning. Elections of Churchwardens on 18th Octo-  
ber, and APCM at SMSG at 7:00pm on 20th October.



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

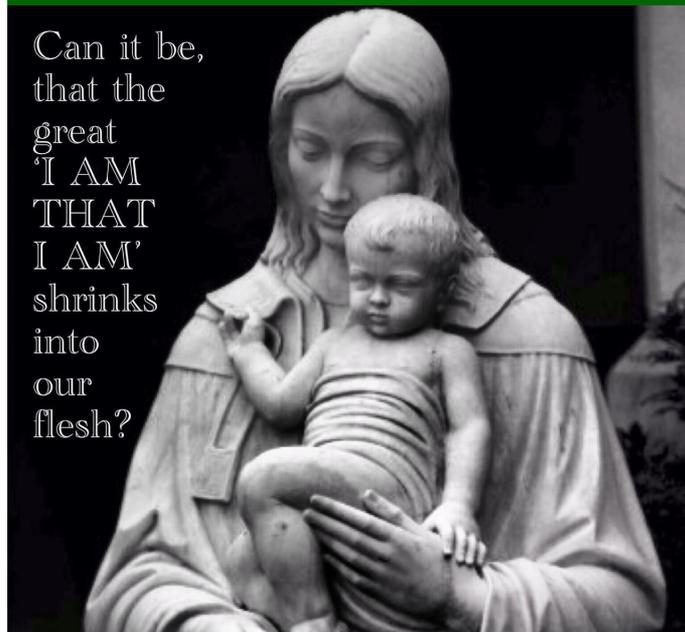
**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
27th September AD 2020**



(SELF-EMPTYING LOVE)

*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)*

Can it be,  
that the  
great  
'I AM  
THAT  
I AM'  
shrinks  
into  
our  
flesh?



This morning's parable was primarily intended to show up the hy-  
pocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous  
position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is,  
however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of  
God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in  
the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this  
life, and what defence can they offer the just judge? Will they dare  
to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their con-  
sciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too  
occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spir-  
itual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to  
be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who  
will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter  
futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's  
mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into  
your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not  
only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but he can com-  
pletely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to  
now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-  
collectors and harlots in the parable, he can also do for us.

# 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.**

**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/. O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, O Lord, wherein thou has caused me to put my trust; the same is my comfort in my trouble.

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.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust \*  
quicken me according to thy word.

My soul melteth for heaviness \*  
strengthen me according to thy word.

Let thy mercies come to me O Lord \*  
thy salvation according to thy word.

They that fear me will be glad when they see me \*  
because I have hoped in thy word.

**Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: Prelude on 'Song 46 by Orlando Gibbons' - Ian Higginson**

*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):*

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

(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.

#### The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

### Prayer Thought

Where the Master walked humbly, the servant should tread contritely. God be merciful to me a sinner. Touch my heart with a sincere determination to serve you. Grant me to follow Christ's example, that I may be obedient and trustful.

(STAND)

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Organ Introit: Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No.2, 'But the meek shall inherit the earth' - Herbert Howells**

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

At the name of the Lord Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and things under the earth; because the Lord became obedient, unto death, even the death of the cross; wherefore Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and let my crying come unto thee.

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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 First Reading

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

*(Old Testament Page 707 in the Bibles) speaks of repentance. If a man repents of his sin God will forgive him and give him eternal life.*

### The Responsorial Psalm

*(from Psalm 145)*

**R/. Remember your mercy, Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. ®

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. ®

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. ®

### The Second Reading

Philippians 2: 1-11

*(New Testament Page 165 in the Bibles) Paul the apostle exhorts us to true Christian unity, a unity possible only if we are humble and imitate Christ who became obedient even unto death.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

### The Gospel

Matthew 21: 28-32

*(New Testament Page 20 in the Bibles) Christ tells us that what God requires of us are good actions, not empty promises. God is not deceived by words.*

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, true sorrow for sin requires a change of heart and attitude. May our prayers this day reflect our desire to live the life we profess.

*Intercessor:* For a spirit of penitence in all members of the Church, let us pray to the Lord...

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

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

For the leaders of the nations to serve, speak and act for the people they are called to govern....

For our parish, and the strengthening of our common life, for those whose lives are enmeshed in lives of crime and vice; and for ourselves that we may serve others...

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

For those who have died recently, in particular we are asked to pray for...Gail Anderson, John Beales, Carl Done, Stanley Groves, Lucinda Lourie, Georgia Martin, Susan Matton, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**28th** Hannah Bull, Emily Ransley, Anne Morgan; **29th** Vernon Haysman, Mary Parkinson; **30th** Jennifer Barford; **1st Oct** Mary Read, Henrietta Larman, Christopher Brittain, Francis Halliwell, Modupeh Thomas; **2nd** Margaret Hooton; **3rd** John Taylor...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Priest:* Father, hear the petitions of your daughters and son, who seek to do your will day by day. 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:**

By the waters of Babylon, we did sit down and did weep; we wept when we remembered thee, O Zion

*Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond: Blessed be God for ever.*