

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.**

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 resurrec-
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: Postlude in D, Healey Willan

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

Our Lady of the Rosary

17:30 Holy Rosary at St Mary & St Giles

18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Intention:

For contemplation of the mysteries of salvation

Thursday

Feria

10:30 Mass at All Saints

Intention:

For those suffering with COVID-19

Friday

St Denys & Companions, Martyrs

12:00n Angelus & Mass at St Mary & St Giles

Intention:

For the Church in France

Next Sunday:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:30 PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles

11:15am Family Mass at All Saints

Intention:

The Parish

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 October, and APCM at SMSG at 7:00pm on 20th October.

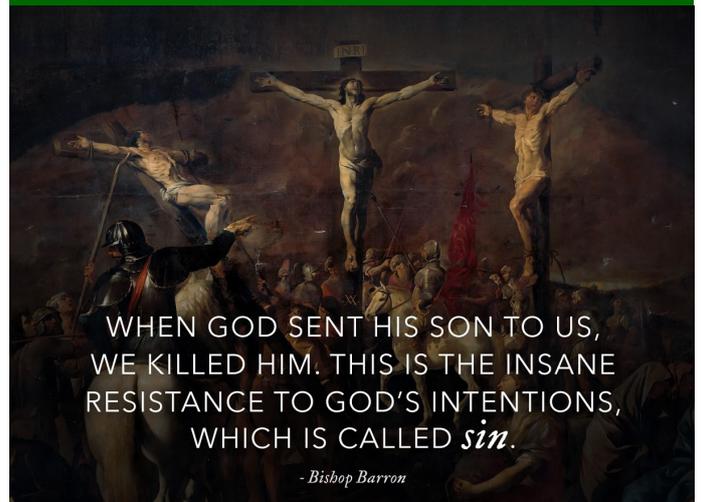


**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
4th October 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)



**WHEN GOD SENT HIS SON TO US,
WE KILLED HIM. THIS IS THE INSANE
RESISTANCE TO GOD'S INTENTIONS,
WHICH IS CALLED *sin*.**

- Bishop Barron

There are perhaps two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which we can sink.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of our race, lived among us and preached His gospel of love and peace to us. He tried to soften our hard hearts, and made us the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for people of every nation. A new vineyard was set up in which everyone was invited to work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

Today we are the successors of the first followers of Christ. We have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honour and glory in gratitude for the gift of my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

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 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 not wearing masks inside our churches during worship when they should be are putting others at risk of infection, and are politely asked to ensure that from now on they wear masks - or if not a face shield. If you have a written exemption from your GP (N.B. Lanyards are not proof) 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.

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 after the Priest has received Holy Communion:

R/. My soul hath longed for thy salvation
And in thy very word I put my trust.
When wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me unjustly?
They persecute me falsely.
O be thou my help, O Lord, my God.

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: 'Thou visitest the Earth,' Maurice Greene

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

There was a man in the land whose name was Job, perfect and upright, and fearing God. And Satan sought to tempt him, and there was given him power by the Lord over Job's possessions, and over his flesh, and he destroyed all the substance he had, and his sons, and his flesh also with whippers did he smite.

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.

Prayer Thought

God has always sent messengers to remind us of all the gifts he gives us and how we should use those gifts. We are here to remember the Son and to renew our sharing in his life.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: Adagio in E, Frank Bridge

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

In thy power, O Lord, is the whole world placed, and there is no man that gainsay thee; for thou hast made all things— heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heavens; Lord of all things thou art.

Ps. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way * and walk in the law of the Lord.

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:

(Sung by the Choir)

**GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Isaiah 5: 1-7

(Old Testament Page 584 in the Bibles) is an Old Testament parable which refers to Israel as a vineyard planted by God. Jesus, too, speaks of Israel as a vineyard.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 80 - sung by the Choir)

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt:
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
Thou madest room for it:
and when it had taken root it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
She stretched out her branches unto the sea:
and her boughs unto the river.
Why hast thou then broken down her hedge:
that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up:
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
Turn thee again, thou God of hosts,
look down from heaven: behold, and visit this vine;
And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted:
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
It is burnt with fire, and cut down:
and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand:
and upon the son of man,
whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so will not we go back from thee:
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4: 6-9

(New Testament Page 167 in the Bibles) Paul calls on the Philippian Christians and Christians of our own day, to fill their hearts with peace and their minds with what is good and true.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I chose you from the world that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Matthew 21: 33-43

(New Testament Page 20 in the Bibles) contains a parable in which Jesus refers to himself as the son and heir sent by the Father to take possession of Israel, the Lord's vineyard. Since they were familiar with the passage of Isaiah read as first reading, the Jews readily understood this parable.

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, St Paul tells us that there is no need to worry, but that we should "ask God with prayer and thanksgiving" for what we need. Let us pray therefore with faith and trust in God's mercy.

Intercessor: For the Church of God, that the beloved vineyard of the Lord may produce its fruits for his glory...

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

For the world and its peoples that the Lord would guide governments and all in authority; for peacemakers especially in areas where there is warfare or civil unrest....

For our parish, and the strengthening of our common life, that we may serve one another and those amongst whom we are set....

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-Veglio, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, David, Adam Viard, Eric...

For our deceased relatives, benefactors and friends, in particular we are asked to pray for...Gail Anderson, John Beales, Carl Done, Stanley Groves, Lucinda Lourie, Georgia Martin, Susan Maton, Wesley Salter, Jonny Thorp, Gren Wiseman...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**4th** Hilda Webb, June Sherwood, Francis Bates; **5th** Michael Felce, Jean Adams; **6th** May Bright, Edwin Chukura; **7th** Dorothy Hanns, Ann Foddy; **8th** Cecil Hutchings (priest), Francis Allen, Brenda Cox Powell, Charmaine Woodfield; **9th** Mary Wright, William Wilkes; **10th** William Wilmer, Les Lovesey...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Father, your Son was the stone rejected, help us to accept him with thanksgiving, and we beseech you to accept these petitions, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**