

one) with the details required. A Marriage schedule on an A4 sheet of paper will be issued. At the end of the Marriage Rite this will be signed, and subsequently taken to the Register Office. Approximately three weeks later the newly married couple will receive a computer generated Marriage Certificate.

This means that the 'Signing of the Registers' with attendant photography will no longer take place, and the legal responsibility to act as the Registrar will no longer be undertaken by the clergy. Given that the fees for Marriage are laid down by Parliament because they were based upon the legal duties of the clergy with regard to the Registration of Marriages, I do wonder whether this change will affect the income for Parishes and Dioceses derived from what were 'Statutory Fees.'

On Wednesday of last week I had to 'close' the existing Marriage Registers and return them along with spare Certificates and Quarterly Returns to the Registry in Milton Keynes. The Parish will no longer hold Marriage Registers.

The Church of England has, in place of the Registers, required each Parish Church to have a 'Register of Marriage Services.' However, there is no possibility of the couple to sign this Register - it is simply a Register that records that Marriages have taken place and the names of those so married. New Banns Registers for each Church will be used from this point on too.

For many couples looking forward to their 'wedding' this significant change will come as a huge disappointment. It also changes significantly the whole process of the Registration of Marriage. One change is that the mother's names can also now be included along with the father's, and it is something I think we can all see as positive. However, it is sad that legal records will no longer be associated with the place where the Marriage Rite was contracted; and those wishing to research records will have further bureaucratic processes to go through.

In due course, post the lifting of COVID restrictions, I will give everyone an opportunity to see the replacement 'Register of Marriage Services' and the Marriage Schedule.

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.

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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 SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

30th May AD 2021



Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*



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: This is Trinity Sunday and the readings are designed to bring out the oneness and the three-ness of God. God is all powerful, the creator of heaven and earth, without equal and yet he calls each of us to intimacy with himself. And he wants us to make others aware of his deep and boundless love for them. But first we must recognise that God has an identity of his own - Father, Son and Spirit in one God.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'St Anne' Fugue - J S Bach

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity. We will confess him because he showed to us his loving kindness.

Ps. O Lord our Governor * how excellent is thy name in all the world * out of the mouths of very babes, O God * and of sucklings hast thou perfected praise!

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.

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 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

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

Changes to the Registration of Marriages: as from the 4th May this year the Registration of Marriages is very different to how it has been completed heretofore. Up to the 4th May in the Church of England the Clergy were the Registrars and the 'Marriage Registers' were in their custody, rather than the Parish Churches. The Clergy were, therefore, responsible for all the legal formalities of the Calling of Banns of Holy Matrimony, the completion of the Marriage Registers including ensuring that they were duly signed by the Bride & Groom and two 'of age' witnesses who were UK Citizens, and they issued the Marriage Certificate. Following the Marriage Rite at the end of each quarter year the clergy then sent to the local Register Office a 'Quarterly Return' - a landscape A3 document containing copies of the entries of the Marriages solemnised within the quarter year just ended.

As from the 4th May this year, the clergy will contact the Register Office after Banns have been read, or a Common Licence issued by a Surrogate (of which Fr Ross is

it, just as the sun shines on all, bringing light and health.

The seekers, the pilgrims, the weary are assured of the blessing of God in Christ, and every time Christ comes to men and women it is with the promise of a new life of hope and freedom. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined' (Isaiah 9:2).

Then a very remarkable thing happens. For we find ourselves saying the words of the Divine Praises: 'Blessed be God! Blessed be his holy Name' We came seeking God's blessing, and now we find that we are blessing God! This belongs so naturally to what might be called the spiritual logic of Benediction. A benediction is not something that we can selfishly keep for ourselves. It makes us too want to give a benediction. 'We love, because he first loved us' (1 John 4:19). We begin by coming in our need to God, seeking his blessing. He gives us that blessing, and our response is to bless and adore him. This is indeed the goal of all our worshipping - that we may come to love God better. And we cannot love God without loving our neighbours who are God's children, so that in seeking God's blessing, we are praying that in blessing us he will make us a blessing to others. This is how it has been since the very beginning of the people of God, when the Lord said to Abraham, 'I will bless you, so that you will be a blessing . . .' (Genesis 12:3).

These, then, are some of the meanings contained in the service of Benediction and some of the reasons for prizing it. Let us not miss this time of precious quiet while we wait upon God in humility. Let us not miss the blessing he bestows through the Christ who comes into our midst. For in such acts of devotion we learn to love him better, and he can make us a benediction to all whom we meet."

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*

During the Current Works at St Mary & St Giles: On Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm the Rector is available for Parish Business in the Parish Hall. The PCC, when funds permit, wishes to complete the desk work to the east wall of the Parish Office; comprising two taller units for the parish photocopier - with paper kept above it - and the handbells trolley to be stored. The Parish Office will then gradually become the office from which Parish Administration takes place.

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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

(Old Testament Page 133 in the Bibles) Moses tells the people of the greatness and goodness of their God. In the mystery of

the Blessed Trinity God has revealed his goodness and greatness to us.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 33)

**R/. Happy the people the Lord
has chosen as his own.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. ®

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. ®

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. ®

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. ®

The Second Reading

Romans 8: 14-17

(New Testament Page 131 in the Bibles) Paul tells us of that dignity that is ours because we are sons of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: the God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Matthew 28: 16-20

(New Testament Page 29 in the Bibles) Jesus, after his resurrection, sends forth his apostles to make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

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 Fa-

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY:

9:30am

11:15am

Intention:

Tuesday

10:30am

Intention:

Wednesday

6:00pm

6:45pm

Intention:

Thursday

9:30am

6:45pm

7:30pm

Intention:

Next Sunday:

9:30am

11:15am

Intention:

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

PARISH MASS

Family Mass

The Parish

at St Mary & St Giles

at All Saints

St Justin, Martyr

Mass

For faithful witness to Christ

at All Saints

Dorset Day

Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Mass

Rector available in the Parish Hall for the arrangement of the Occasional Offices and other Parish Business

and other Parish Business

All those facing Martyrdom today

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

PARISH MASS (Said)

Handbell Ringing Practice

The Band - Practice

Thanksgiving for the Blessed Sacrament

at St Mary & St Giles

at All Saints

at All Saints

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MASS

Family Mass

The Parish

at St Mary & St Giles

at All Saints

PARISH NOTICES

Corpus et Sanguis Christi: this Thursday at 09:30 we shall celebrate together Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Whilst this will be a said Mass this year, and there will not be a Procession, we shall celebrate Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I have reproduced below an explanation of Benediction by the late Rev'd Professor John Macquarrie (an Anglican Priest and one-time Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford)

"Benediction is a popular service, that is to say, a people's service. The clever and sophisticated do not come much to Benediction, but the simple, the poor, those who acknowledge an emptiness in their lives that only God can fill. Even those who might not come to Holy Communion will sometimes come to Benediction where God reaches out to them though they think they are only on the fringes. I think of some of those with whom I have knelt at Benediction: harassed city-dwellers in New York, working-class people from the back streets of Dublin, soldiers serving in the deserts of North Africa, Indian Christians living as a tiny minority in a great Hindu city . . . They have all had the grace of humility - a quality which, alas, is not greatly encouraged in our new liturgies. But those who seek a blessing come with empty hands. 'How blessed are those who know their need of God' ' (Matthew 5:3 NEB). God cannot give a blessing to the proud, the self-sufficient, the superior, those who secretly despise the simple devotion of their brethren. So we can only come to Benediction waiting and expectant. As we sing the hymns and look upon the Host, we open our hearts to God, knowing that he who sent the blessing of his Son to lighten the darkness of the world still sends through the same Son his blessing to us.

We do not wait on God in vain. Lifting up the Host in a monstrance (sometimes in a ciborium), those quiet opening moments of Benediction are very precious indeed. We take time to compose ourselves, to put ourselves together, as it were. These may be only a few minutes, but they have something of the quality of eternity. We put aside our own busy plans, policies, activities, and remain passive before God so that his voice may be heard and his grace received. This brief time of quiet alone is of inestimable value in that crazy hurried world in which we all have to live nowadays. The officiating priest makes the sign of the cross in blessing over the worshippers. Christ, the Light of the world, shines upon us, and my comparison with the rising sun was appropriate because the monstrance is usually fashioned to resemble the sun's disc, with rays streaming out in all directions. Through Christ, God bestows his blessing upon us and all who are willing to receive

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R/. **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,
to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known
the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his ✠ Cross and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: *The Organist improvises a recessional voluntary and the congregation IMMEDIATELY leaves the Parish Church to sing the final hymn in the church yard.*

However, should the weather be inclement, 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 south door.

**Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

**Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

Reflection after Mass:

You, eternal Trinity, are the craftsman; and I your handiwork have come to know that you are in love with the beauty of what you have made, since you made me a new creation in the blood of your Son. O abyss! O eternal Godhead! O deep sea. What more could you have given me than the gift of your very self.
(St Catherine of Siena)

ther 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 let us come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

Intercessor: Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found: We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments . . . Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord: We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours . . . Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying...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...Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Mysterious Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son: We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all the departed whose souls we beseech the repose of...Margaret Barker, Freda Douglas... *and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time...***30th** Thekla Russell, Eva Smith; **31st** Marjory Zani, Edith Tompkins, Angel Power; **1st June** May Coats, Thomas Grimsley; **2nd** Herbert Lunn, Lilian Emms; **3rd** Emeric Ware, James Barry; **4th** Herbert Cook, Elsie Newton, Joan Jordan, Linda Stephenson; **5th** Grace Scrutton; Montague Page, Cyril Stimson... Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Priest: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Blessed be God the Father, and the only-begotten Son of God, and likewise the Holy Ghost because he hath showed his mercy unto us all.

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:

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. 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.

We do bless the God of heaven, and extol him before all who are living, because he hath showed his mercy unto us.

1. Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord *
praise and exalt him over all forever.
2. Ye sun and moon, bless the Lord *
praise and exalt him over all forever.
3. Ice and snow, bless the Lord *
praise and exalt him over all forever.
4. Ye people of the Lord, bless the Lord *
praise and exalt him over all forever.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Tierce en Taille' - Pierre du Mage

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 receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. 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 the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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., alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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.**