

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Thou art King of glory, Christ:
Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a tributary:
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened Heaven to faith.

From Thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that Thou shalt come
In the dreaded doomsday morning;
When Thy voice shall shake the earth,
And the startled dead come forth.

Therefore do we pray Thee, Lord:
Help Thy servants whom, redeeming
By Thy precious blood out-poured,
Thou hast saved from Satan's scheming.
Give to them eternal rest
In the glory of the blest.

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded:
Keep us without sin today,
Never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in Thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.

A Metrical Version of the 'Te Deum,' Ignaz Franz, 1771. Tune: GROSSER GOT

Recessional Voluntary: 'Fanfare' - Lemmens

During the Organ Voluntary please listen to the organist's own act of thanksgiving to almighty God for this Mass. Do feel free to join us for tea or coffee afterwards. A priest will be available should you wish to speak with one.

Reflection after Mass:

Jesus was amazed and saddened as his neighbours and relatives rejected him. He did not try to stop them. Following him is a free choice. It knows no other compulsion than love. He once even asked his closest disciples 'Do you also wish to go away?' We are asked the same question each day. Like Peter, we answer, 'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the word of eternal life.'

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY:		THE 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
9:30am		PARISH MASS	at St Mary & St Giles
11:15am		Family Mass	at All Saints
Intention:		The Parish	
Tuesday			
10:30am		Feria	
Intention:		Mass	at All Saints
Wednesday		For all Local Schools	
12:00noon			
6:00pm		Feria	Black Country Day
6:45pm		Milton Keynes Deanery Clergy Chapter	
Intention:		Mass	at St Mary & St Giles
		Rector available in the Parish Office to arrange	
		the Occasional Offices & Parish Business	
		For all those who have been recently Ordained	
Thursday			
6:45pm		St Swinthur, Bishop, &	Hampshire Day
7:30pm		St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	
Please pray for:		Handbell Ringing Practice	at All Saints
		The Band - Practice	at All Saints
		For all Theologians	
Friday			
12:00noon		Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
Intention:		The Angelus & Mass	
		For all those who serve the Lord in the Religious Life	
Next Sunday:			
9:30am		THE 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
11:15am		PARISH MASS	at St Mary & St Giles
Intention:		Family Mass	at All Saints
		The Parish	

Thank you to the Children of St Mary & St Giles School for their Contribution to our Worship today.

Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

11th July AD 2021



That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing - he sent their own to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave us the gift that we call freewill. We are able to choose between alternatives. God wants us to choose heaven as our eternal home, but he wants us to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. Those who choose heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal human beings to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and sharing with him in the life of heaven. Refusal to accept would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, his refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers all others of our race, God's other children, of every nation and language, who are stumbling amongst life's joys and sorrows getting lost in the broad path whilst needing to find the narrow path. May God our heavenly Father continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward us, and them!

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



INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - brief social intercourse **may** take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a small choir and Organ Music played - a recessional hymn may be sung within 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-driers 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:

Christ came into our world to change it. Yet it seems to be the very same. We come Sunday after Sunday and we offer his sacrifice, and we welcome him in Holy Communion. Yet, little seems to change or to get better. In our readings today we are reminded that God is working through the very ordinariness of our lives. Even though we may not feel that he is active, he is there, and yes, he is changing us. .

(STAND)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Voluntary before Mass

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

When I called upon the Lord * he heard my voice, even from the battle against me; and he shall bring them down - He who existeth forever; and who remaineth for ever; O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he himself shall nourish thee.

Ps. Hear my prayer O Lord and hide not thyself from my petition * take heed unto me and hear me.

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.

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.**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son ☧, and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANGELUS

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

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

R/. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R/. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;

R/. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R/. **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

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

**Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre own,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.**

**Lo! the apostolic train
Join the sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.**

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.

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 priest receives Holy Communion, sanitises his hands and then as the Year 3 Choir of SMSG School Choir sing 'The Lord is my Shepherd' & 'Seek ye first,' the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body

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 Kyrie eleison: is sung by Year 3 of the School Choir

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 Collect

Let us pray.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Amos 7: 12-15

(Old Testament Page 771 in the Bibles) tells Amos is ordered by Amaziah to prophesy no longer, as the message of God is not what he wishes to hear.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 85)

R/. **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

- 1 I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. ®
- 2 Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. ®

3 The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. ®

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-14

(New Testament Page 161 in the Bibles) St Paul outlines all the spiritual blessings of belonging to Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Mark 6: 7-13

(New Testament Page 35 in the Bibles) Jesus sends out his apostles on their first mission

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, each of us has been chosen in Christ for some hidden purpose, let us pray for the Church and the world which, with Him, we are called to serve...

Intercessor: That the Church will continue to call and send many missionaries and evangelists to preach the salvation that is found in Christ alone....

V/. Lord, hear us.

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

That those afflicted by warfare, civil strife, terrorism, famine, disaster or disease may be rescued from all that causes them harm, and for all those who are confused or lacking self-respect that they come to know God's plan for them....

For our families and friends, and all who live in our parish, especially for those who are victims of abuse, and for all families under stress, that they may find in Christ their strength and their hope....

For the sick and suffering, those suffering in silence and fear with undiagnosed or treated ailments; those in hospital, in residential care or convalescent at home; and generally amongst the sick we pray by name for...Malcolm, Christel, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Nina May, Sr Janet, Adam Viard, Davida Wiseman...that they know the redeeming love of Christ...

For those who have died, especially...Margaret Barker, Freida Douglas... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur this week...**12th** Alfred Saunders, Fred Martin, Stan Fitch; **13th** Graham Suckling; **14th** Ted Smallboes, Elsie Todd, Phyllis Hickman; **15th** Charlie Hill, Mary Hutchinson; **17th** Ann Bull, Harriet Bates, Edith Taylor, Douglas Baker; Gren Wiseman... may they join Christ in the glory of his kingdom...

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

Priest: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have adopted us as your children. Help us to appreciate the many graces and blessings that you bestow upon us, and, we beseech you, hear our petitions. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Unto thee O Lord * will I lift up my soul; my God, in thee I confide. O let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

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

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Offerings:

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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.**