

# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Led by Simon McDowell

Welcome to our service of Morning Prayer. Please join in using the words in **bold**.

## Opening Hymn

"Alleluia, sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise?—  
“I am with you evermore.”

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me;  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Ye the Lord of Lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, Heav'n thy throne.  
Thou within the veil have entered,  
Robed in flesh, the great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

Songwriters: Dix / Pritchard

### Prayer of Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand"  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners,  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Hymn

"Before the Throne of God above" Kingsway Music

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
(x2)

With Christ my Saviour and my God.

Songwriters: Bancroft / Cook

## Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10 & 32-35 (NIVUK)

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;  
may his foes flee before him.

<sup>2</sup>May you blow them away like smoke –  
as wax melts before the fire,  
may the wicked perish before God.

<sup>3</sup>But may the righteous be glad  
and rejoice before God;  
may they be happy and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds<sup>☁</sup>;

rejoice before him – his name is the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.

<sup>6</sup>God sets the lonely in families,<sup>[a]</sup>  
he leads out the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

<sup>7</sup>When you, God, went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>8</sup>the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You gave abundant showers, O God;  
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

<sup>10</sup>Your people settled in it,  
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord,

<sup>33</sup>to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.

<sup>35</sup>You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Praise be to God!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

## Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11 read by Pam Blewett

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus

Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of <sup>12</sup>your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus” – recorded for BBC Songs of Praise

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the Mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With the Father's glory, and His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow  
And our hearts confess Him, King of glory now.

Songwriter: Caroline Noel

### Sermon

Natasha is opening God's word for us today

## The Creed

I believe in God, The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

## Prayers

Prepared and read for us by Pat Hegarty

The response is:

Breath of God ~ **Breathe on us**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sin,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.

## The Collect

for the Seventh Sunday of Easter / the Sunday after Ascension Day

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Final Hymn

“All my hope on God is founded” recorded for BBC Songs of Praise

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendor, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ, his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## The Blessing

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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**

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### Note

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## **Thank you for joining us today**

**The Oxford Diocese have asked us to complete a survey about  
online church attendance:**

Please could you [complete this short survey](#) as soon as possible after this online service.

If you attend the Diocesan Church at Home service and/or a number of other services from different parishes, you are welcome to complete the survey for each online service you've been to.

# Going Deeper

## Bible Notes

As the Gospel reaches the climax, John presents Jesus' last 'speech', which is in fact a prayer, crying out to his Father the desires of his heart, that through his actions to come God would be glorified. There is something here of the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit lifting one another up to be glorified; something the theologian Richard Rohr calls the 'divine dance' of the Trinity, in which each part glorifies another, but never itself.

The term glory - often associated with heavenly light - has other meanings. The crucifixion will be the hour in which Jesus is glorified. Jesus has also glorified his Father by finishing the work he was sent to do. And Jesus even says that he has been glorified in his disciples. Glory is deeply relational and mutual: Jesus asks the Father to glorify the Son so that the Son may glorify the Father. Glory is something to bestow on another.

Here is the great challenge for us today, as followers of Jesus that we would continue to lift him up, and bring glory to God through our actions and our relationship with one another, echoing the relationship between the Trinity – as Jesus prayed: 'that they would be one, as we are one'

## Questions for Reflection



- What do you think these three figures are doing?
- What sort of things do you 'glorify' by the way you live?
- How best can we lift each other up?

### Live your faith

In any situation you find yourself in this week, look for an opportunity to do something that will glorify or lift up God/Jesus.

### A personal prayer

Lord, may your glory be seen in what I do and who I am. Amen

Name .....

# John 17.1-11

Jesus talks to the Father about being glorified and prays for his followers.



## Family time

**Talk** Discuss the things you do as a family that point to Jesus.

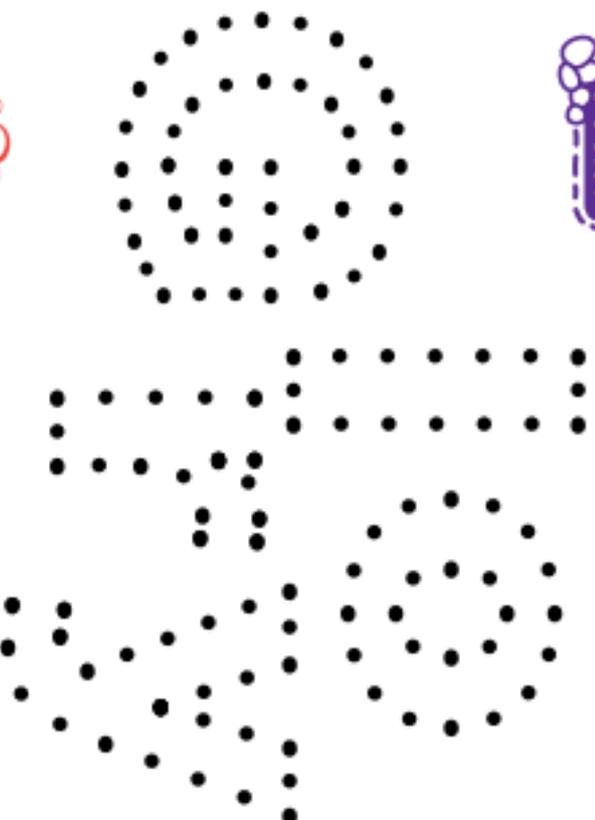
**Do** Go for a walk in a park, the countryside or at the beach, and talk about the ways that creation glorifies God.

**Pray** Jesus, we want to be people who notice your glory in the world around us. Help us to point to you with our words and actions so that people see how glorious you are. **Amen.**

## Activity time



Join the dots to show today's key word.



Can you circle the things that give God glory?

**Fighting with our brothers and sisters**

**Doing things as well as we can**

**Looking after the environment**

**Loving others**

**Using our voices to praise God**

**Being cheeky**

**Helping others**

**Sharing our things**

**Forgiving others**

**Making friends**

**Using our voices to swear**

**Leaving people out**

# ROOTS children's sheet

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Can you unscramble the words to describe Jesus?

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