

THEME Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith. We would not know anything about it if God had not revealed it to us. The mystery is this: that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

- Forgive us, Lord, because we often ignore what you want us to do. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**
- Forgive us, Father, when we treat your Son, Jesus, so lightly. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
- Forgive us when we grieve the Holy Spirit by breaking the unity of the family. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER - *Let us pray to the one God, Father, Son and Spirit, that our lives may bear witness to our faith.* **Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons by proclaiming and living our faith in you.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading – Exodus 34 v. 4~6, 8~9. God revealed himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God of tenderness and compassion. Moses begged God to accompany his stubborn people on their journey to the Promised Land.

‘With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

Responsorial Psalm –Daniel 3:52-56

®To You glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Blest your glorious holy name. ®

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. ®

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. ® **To You glory and praise for evermore.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13 v. 11~13 This is the conclusion of St Paul’s second letter to the Christians at Corinth. We sometimes use it as a greeting at the start of Mass.

‘Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.’

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!

Gospel – John 3 v. 16~18. This passage has a most consoling message. God the Father sent his Son to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

‘Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

Fr Philip’s ADDRESS WILL BE AT THE END, on a separate recording.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to God the Father, in union with Jesus his Son and in the power of his Holy Spirit.

Reader: Let us pray for the people of God; that they may worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in sincerity and truth and that the Holy Spirit may help us in our efforts to live like Christ, and so do the will of the Father in our lives.

Let us pray for all those who are sincerely searching for God; that they may find him.

We pray for all healthcare workers and key workers, that they may be encouraged in their work and protected from harm and that those in government will be guided to do the best for those they represent.

Let us pray for all who have experienced sudden and violent deaths and all those affected by it in any way, especially those who work in the police, ambulance, fire service and rescue services.

Let us pray for the world; that Christ's love will inspire efforts to remedy injustice, and promote peace among nations.

Let us pray for all bereaved, especially Maureen Tozer – and those suffering distress, guilt, lack of forgiveness, depression, loneliness and lack of purpose.

Let us pray for the sick, especially Nichola Berry, Ken Davis Russell Pipe and Maria Everett in hospital and Michael Denny, Janice Ross, Billy Carter, Jessica Mercer, Joan Hill, Elizabeth Routledge and Keith Forsdyke. We give thanks for the improvement in Amanda King

Let us pray for Christians everywhere; that we may appreciate the great treasure of the life of the Trinity in which we share by baptism; may we be faithful to our baptismal promises.

Father of the living, bring those who have died to share your glory; with your Son, and the Holy Spirit may they reign eternally with you in heaven, especially Gordon Tozer, recently departed and Dick Hails, Leonard Capon, Claud Elliott, Victor Weston, Iris Lawton, Rose Smith, Elizabeth Button, Fr Alan Carefull, Hugh Cutting, Bruce Hudson, Henry Webb, Alan Gooderham and Beatrice Stannard- whose anniversaries of death occur this week.

Let us pray that like Mary, we may be obedient to the Father ~

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.

S I L E N C E

All: Lord God, you have shown yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We pray to you knowing that all truth and goodness are in you. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ACT OF SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from you.

ANGELUS

BLESSING ☩

Fr Philip Writes: Thought for this week

1. "Knowing God is not so much a question of opening a book and reading about God, but of opening the heart and loving God."
2. If we could understand God, then one of two things would be true. Either we should be as great as God, or God would be as little as we are.

Preparing to return to Church: CLEANING ROTA

As I said last week, we still do not know when we can all return to church. Bishop Martin emailed on Friday to say he had hoped for a Government announcement last Monday that restrictions were going to be lifted, but it didn't happen – probably because the 'R' number was too high.

The entire church will need to be cleaned thoroughly first. Thank you to several who have already volunteered to clean a part of it, but we still need plenty more. If you would like to volunteer, please email or phone so we can compile a rota in readiness.

Of course we will have to follow whatever social distancing and hygiene regulations apply at the time, which will probably mean only one person or members of the same household working at a time.

Mass Readings this week: 10th Week in Ordinary Time (Divine Office – Psalter Week 2)

MON: 1 Kings 17 v 1-6; Matt 5 v 1-12. Int: The departed: June anniversaries

TUE: 1 Kings 17 v 7-16.; Matt 5 v 13-16. Int: Christian Aid

WED: 1 Kings 18 v 20-29; Matt 5 v 17-19. Int: The Church in Kagera

THUR: St Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr. Acts 11 v 21-26, 13 v 1-3; Matt 10 v 7-13. Int: the sick

FRI: 1 Kings 19 v 9, 11-16; Matt 5 v 27-31. Int: Lawyers

SAT: St Anthony of Padua. 1 Kings 19 v 19-21; Matt 5 v 33-37. Int: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sun: CORPUS CHRISTI (MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)

Deut. 8 v 2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor. 10 v 16-17; John 6 v 51-58

Please continue to pray for one another, as I do for you – and continue to contact me about any requests for prayer or pastoral need. Tel: 01449 766359