

# Trinity Five

## God's Grace and Mercy

## Hymns

- 506 O Lord my God -
- 624 Take my life and let it be
- 498 O God our help in ages past
- 67 Breathe on me breath of God
- 689 Thine be the glory
- Solo The Lord bless you and keep you.
- John Rutter – soloist: Helen Eaton

## Collect

Merciful and gracious God,  
 we thank you for your unfailing love  
 and for the gifts of your mercy  
 that have sustained me  
 through ten years of ordained ministry;  
 renew in me the grace of my calling,  
 deepen my faithfulness in your service,  
 and grant that, rejoicing in all that has been,  
 I may press on with courage, humility,  
 and hope to serve your people;  
 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.

## Psalms 100

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;  
**serve the Lord with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.**
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;  
**it is he that has made us and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his  
 pasture.**

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
 and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and bless his name.**
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is  
 everlasting,  
**and his faithfulness endures from generation to  
 generation.**

## I Thessalonians 1:2 - 5a

- 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you  
 and mention you in our prayers, constantly
- 3 remembering before our God and Father  
 your work of faith and labour of love and  
 steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved  
 by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our  
 message of the gospel came to you not in  
 word only, but also in power and in the Holy  
 Spirit and with full conviction.

## Gospel John 15:9 - 17

The Gospel of Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

- 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved  
 you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my  
 commandments, you will abide in my love, just  
 as I have kept my Father's commandments and  
 abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to  
 you so that my joy may be in you, and that  
 your joy may be complete.
- 12 'This is my commandment, that you love  
 one another as I have loved you. 13 No one  
 has greater love than this, to lay down one's  
 life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if  
 you do what I command you. 15 I do not call  
 you servants any longer, because the servant  
 does not know what the master is doing; but I  
 have called you friends, because I have made  
 known to you everything that I have heard  
 from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but  
 I chose you. And I appointed you to go and  
 bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father

will give you whatever you ask him in my  
 name. 17 I am giving you these commands so  
 that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Notices

### Chatterbox

Every Wednesday 10:30 am to 12:30pm.  
 All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

### Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

### Community Larder

Every Tuesday from 11- 12:30

### Stantonbury Churches Newsletter

**Evensong** at St Mary Magdalene Willen on  
 19th July at 6pm. See poster for details

**MK Methodist Circuit Eco Church Service  
 and Picnic.** on Sunday 26 July, 10.30am –  
 2.00pm at Newton Longville Free Church. See  
 poster for detail

#### TODAY

Trinity Five  
 Holy Communion  
 Sam & Dave Bull  
 Bishop of Buckingham

#### THIS SUNDAY

Psalms 100  
 I Thess 1: 2 to 5a,  
 John 15:9 to 17

#### NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 55.10-13  
 Psalm 65.[1-7]8-13  
 Romans 8.1-11  
 Matt 13.1-9,18-23

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity Six  
 Holy Communion  
 Led by Sam

## Rainbow - The Story

Before Sam came to work with us at Cross and Stable he was shown round the building. It did not take long. After the tour Sam was sitting in the Vestry with his back to the windows. Someone said, "Sam, turn round." Sam turned.

Two rainbows were visible, one in each window. One over Downhead Park, the other over Downs Barn and Neath. Hill.  
*I am putting my bow in the cloud. It will be the sign ...Genesis 9:13*

## Rainbow - A Poem

A radical pact of peace,  
Binding the hands of the Holy to cease  
The rains of judgment and the wrath of the deep,  
A promise for the broken, the earth, and the sheep.  
Each brilliant hue—violet, indigo, blue—  
Refracted through water, making all things new.

It demands of us a defiant grace,  
To dismantle the violence of the human race.  
For a holy rainbow is a terrible thing:  
It strips the tyrant of his punishing sting,  
And arches over every border and wall,  
Declaring radical mercy belongs to all.

So look to the fracture of the weeping rain,  
Where God paints peace on the canvas of pain.  
No longer a weapon of warfare and dread,  
But a crown of redemption upon every head.

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