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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Psalter Week: 3
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Sunday Year: C

Saturday 31 st	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Lesley Phillips (1 st Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Sebastian Farrell (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Jim Power (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo
Monday 2 nd	Easter Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 3 rd	Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Gerry Cox (RIP)
		1.15pm	STM	Requiem Mass for Paddy Mulqueen (RIP)	
Wednesday 4 th	Easter Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Deirde Sheeran (RIP)
Thursday 5 th	St Boniface	9.15am	STM	Mass (School)	John Lucas (RIP) and Breeda Higgins
Friday 6 th	St Norbert	10.00am	STM	Mass	Simon Hayes (RIP)
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 7 th	Easter Feria	12 noon	SJW	Mass	Maria Jesus Meadowcroft (RIP)
		10.00am	SJW	Mass	Josie McElroy (RIP)
Sunday 8 th	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST			followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	James Gallagher (Anniv)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Gary Crilly (9 th Anniv)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Maurice Crespi (RIP)
		12.45pm	SJW	Mass	Pro Populo

Welcome to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time.

Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.

Our readings at Mass today focuses on faith, unity, and eternal life. They highlight the steadfastness of Stephen, the prayer of Jesus for unity among believers, and the invitation to eternal life.

The story of Stephen from the First Reading is powerful. Stephen is full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Even when facing death, he does not waver. He remains firm in his belief in Jesus. Stephen sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God. This vision gives him courage and strength. He forgives those who are stoning him, just like Jesus did on the cross. Stephen's faith and forgiveness are examples for us. We can learn from Stephen to stand firm in our faith, even when it is hard. Sometimes, we may face challenges or people who do not understand our faith. Like Stephen, we can trust in Jesus and find strength in Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus prays for all believers to be united. He prays that we may be one just as He and the Father are one. This prayer shows how important unity is to Jesus. Jesus wants us to love one another and work together. Unity among believers helps us show the world that we belong to Jesus. When we are united, we reflect God's love and build a stronger community. We can work towards unity by supporting and caring for each other. Praying together, helping those in need, and showing kindness are ways to build unity. Jesus' prayer reminds us that we are one family in Christ and should strive to live in harmony.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, help us stand firm in our faith like Stephen. Unite us as one family in Your love. Guide us to share the invitation to eternal life with everyone we meet. Amen.

STM and SJW Website: stmcov.org/wp/

Facebook: Catholic Parishes of St Thomas More and St Joseph the Worker

Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsjtw-cov>

Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

OFFERTORIES AND COLLECTIONS

Collections: STM: £658.50 | SJW: £208.50

STM Parish Development Fund: £362.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Ann Brooks, Josie McElroy, Keelin Treharne, Veronica Hammond, Elizabeth Banks, Patrick Mulqueen, Finbarr O'Brien, Fr Ron Cosslett, Fr John Baggley, Peter Charman, Hugh Dinan, Margaret Eason and Deacon Tony Rigby together with all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Angie Browne, Judith Cuninghame, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, David O'Grady, Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone, Clare Oliver, Romina Mendieta, Claire Hughes, Jennifer Bell, Tony Smith, Christopher Mason and Donal Heffernan.

THE MONTH OF JUNE is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

LAST THURSDAY we celebrated the feast of Our Lord's glorious ascension, and so celebrating in time the mystery summed up in the Creed: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Following Our Lord's ascension, St Luke tells us that the apostles went back rejoicing, and over the coming days, were found at prayer with Mary, the mother of the Lord, as they awaited the promised gift that would come at Pentecost. This last Sunday before Pentecost is a 'waiting' Sunday, and these nine days between the ascension and Pentecost is the very first 'novena' – nine days of prayer. Let us pray earnestly to the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, that he may bestow his guiding presence on the Church today, and open our eyes to Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

FR JUSTIN who was suppling our Masses last week, has sent his apologies for misreading the time of the 9.30am Mass last Thursday for the Ascension of the Lord.

ORDER OF MASS CARDS: If you require a card with the Order of Mass text, please ask one of the welcomers for a copy. The readings for Sunday Mass can be found on the back of this newsletter. Please do take them home with you for private prayer and reflection.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Catholic Communications

TODAY is World Communications Day when we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The English and Welsh Catholic Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Supporting this work through our prayers and the Second Collection helps to proclaim the Gospel on a local, national and international level. You can sign-up to receive regular newsletters from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. You can unsubscribe at any time. For more information, please visit www.cbcew.org.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AT SJW will be needed to help at the Sunday 11.00am Mass. If you are commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister at SJW, would you please let Fr Simon know, so that we can put together a rota for this ministry.

NEXT SATURDAY we look forward to welcoming the Warwick University CathSoc Schola who will be singing again at the Vigil Mass. It is also Pentecost Sunday – so you might want to wear red.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP will resume again on Monday 2nd June, at the normal time 7pm to 8.30pm. All are most welcome to join us.

CRAFT AND CHAT meet this coming Tuesday 3rd June in the MRR.

PRAYER AT THE EASTER GARDEN: Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may I meet you today and every day: speak to me as you spoke to her in the living word of your Gospel; reveal yourself as the living Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar; renew my hope and kindle my joy, and send me to share the good news of the Gospel with others. Amen.

THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the directions of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. The novena prayer is traditionally prayed from the Friday after Ascension Thursday until the Saturday before Pentecost.

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and to ever rejoice in His consolations, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

SVP CONFERENCE has now been running for a few weeks and is slowly starting to take shape. During this time, they have been looking at possible outreach projects which would be helpful to our parishioners at both STM and SJW. A few more members in the conference would be a marvellous addition. If you would like more information, please speak to Fr Simon. Please also let us know if you know of anyone who might like a visit from a member of the SVP. If you are interested, please contact Siobhan Allen on 07712732576.

WHAT DOES LEO XIV INHERIT FROM LEO XIII? You are invited to join Dr Judith Champ and Fr Ryan Service for two thirty-minute presentations. These talks will include an introduction to Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on justice in society, and its continued significance to the Church and her mission. Access these evenings on Zoom via bit.ly/43oa8sf

CITY PRAISE AND PRAYER on Sunday 1st June, at 6.30pm at CLM Church, CV1 2HG. We are inviting all believers, from all churches, to come together for a special evening of praise, worship and united prayer for Coventry and beyond.

WE DARE TO HOPE is a five-week course for use during the Year of Jubilee which will begin on Thursday 5th June at 7.00pm in the MRR. The course consists of a time of reflection combining meditation, scripture, prayers and questions. In the course, the relationship between the virtue of hope, our lives and the source of all hope, Jesus, is explored. If you are interested in attending, please tick the sheets at the back of church.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS on Friday 6th June at SJW. This will be followed by a soup lunch and a chance to help raise money for Mary's Meals.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION AGM on Monday 9th June 12noon.

ARYPT MASS ON THE MALVERNS on Saturday 14th June 2025. An exciting opportunity to support the Trust with a fantastic day out! You can walk as a family, individual or get a group together from your parish. For more information, please contact arypt2022@gmail.com or follow the link to register: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5172259>

COVENTRY CATHOLICS YOUNG ADULTS GROUP age 18-35. Meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm to eat and pray together and discuss their faith. Venue: St Osburg's Church Hall (CV1 4AQ). The next meeting will be held on 17th June.

MARRIAGE CARE THANKSGIVING next week at STM during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass. We look forward to welcoming Mark Molden, the Chief Executive who will speak about the legacy, and the on-going work of Marriage Care and its need for support.

STM FEAST DAY falls on a Sunday but is overlooked by the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Rather than miss out of cause of celebration, we shall therefore keep our Patronal Festival on Friday 20th June with Mass and procession at 10.00am. It will be day of celebration concluding with our Summer 'Feast'ival later that day.

STM SUMMER 'FEAST'IVAL! on Friday 20th June from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Lots of fun for everyone. Games, Tombola for Bottles, Sweeties, Cuddly Toys, Pimm's Tent, Bouncy Castle, 5 A Side Football tournament, hot food and more. New for this year will be our very own STM Bake Off! Get practising those Victoria Sponges!! Also, our 'Made with Love at Home' Stall: we'll be looking for donations of pickles, jams, chutneys, wine, crafts and even home grown veg soon! **We also need donations of bottles (full), tombola prizes, fancy gifts and cuddly toys (in good condition).** There is a box in the porch for all your kind donations. There will be entertainment provided during the afternoon with a special guest appearance from the fabulous Rock Choir. Raffle tickets for the Grand Prize Draw will be on sale soon. If you or someone you know would like to book a stall, priced at £15.00, they can contact Debbie Texeira via email: deborah texeira@hotmail.com

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS will be happening in all churches throughout the month of June. Our designates days are Friday 13th June (STM) and Saturday 14th June (SJW). Following the morning Masses, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and all are invited to come and pray for an increase of Vocations. There will be sign up sheets next week, for people to sign up for half hour slots throughout the day.

YEAR OF JUBILEE RETREAT DAY on Saturday 28th June in the MRR. This day will be led by Canon Michael Dolman, the Rector of Oscott College. A day based on suggestions for getting the most out of this Holy Year and how we might become greater Pilgrims of Hope throughout this Holy Year and beyond. More details to follow, but please do make a note in your diary.

FR REGINALD who often helps with supply at SJW and STM, invites all parishioners to join him as he celebrates his 25th anniversary since Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 21st June at 11.30am in St Mary and St Benedict's Church.

WEBELIEVE is a festival of Catholic Life from 25th-28th July 2025, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, conversation and worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefestival.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION on Sunday 22nd June starting at 3.00pm at St Anne's Catholic Church, CV3 3AG processing to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Langbank, CV3 2QP. You are invited to stay for a picnic on the grass at 4pm - drinks and nibbles provided! First Holy Communion children are especially invited to lead the procession in their First Holy Communion outfits. For more information, please see the posters in church.

LIVE SIMPLY TIP OF THE MONTH: Live sustainably with creation by walking, cycling or sharing a ride to church, if you can.

THANK YOU from Amanda and her family to the many parishioners who have supported them, sent cards and arranged for Masses to be offered following the loss of their mum, Veronica Hammond.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2025 at Baginton Road Church, Baginton Road (CV3 6FP) for children aged 0 – 11 years old will take place on 28th, 29th, 31st July and 1st August. We will start at 9.30am, finishing at 12.30pm each day. The cost for the week is £5 per family, payable on booking. All under 5's must be accompanied by an adult. Closing date for booking is 18th July 2025. Registration forms are available from office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 was a time of many blessings and a wonderful mix of both prayerful and joyful times. A few photographs from our week can be found at the back of church.

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: You can support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations, allowing more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145. The Foodhub would also be grateful for donations of 'Bags for Life' shopping bags.

PARENT SCHOOL TOUR: Prospective parents are invited to this event at STM School on scheduled on Tuesday 17th June at 9am. This is an opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and see our learning environment in action. The tour will provide insight into our values, curriculum, and the supportive community. To book your place, please contact the school office on 0247684 9910 or email stm-admin@hccmac.co.uk.

SJW FOOD BANK: There is now a box at the back of SJW if anyone would like to give donations of tinned goods towards the foodbank.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSES are held on the first Saturday of every month in the MRR. For more information and to book a place, families are asked to contact Deacon Leo by emailing dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

CONFESSION is available at STM on Saturday evenings from 4.15pm – 4.45pm; and at SJW on Saturday morning from 10.30am – 11.00am. Alternatively at other times with prior arrangement with Fr Simon. If you haven't been to confession for a while don't let fear, guilt, or embarrassment dissuade you. Jesus is waiting in the confessional for you, and his heart longs to grant you his mercy in abundance.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Those who would like a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon or Deacon Leo. A visit can be arranged by themselves or by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES: To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL If you or a relative are going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your required date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

ONLINE GIVING: If you were unable to give at Sunday Mass, you can give online to either parish by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.



GIFT AID GIVING: If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase you weekly giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. Through this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. More information available from Tony Curristan at STM and June Palmer at SJW.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 st June	City Praise and Prayer 6.30pm CLM Church
3 rd June	Craft and Chat at STM
5 th June	'We Dare to Hope' Course 7.00pm MRR
6 th June	First Friday Mass and soup lunch SJW
7 th June	Baptism Preparation Course
8 th June	Styvechale Open Gardens
9 th June	Newman Association AGM
12 th June	'We Dare to Hope' Course 7.00pm MRR
14 th June	ARYPT Mass on the Malverns
17 th June	Young Adults 7.00pm–9.00pm St Osburgs
18 th June	Lola's (the cat) 10 th birthday
19 th June	'We Dare to Hope' Course 7.00pm MRR
20 th June	STM Summer 'Feast'ival 3.30pm – 6.00pm
22 nd June	St Thomas More Feast Day Mass and Procession
26 th June	'We Dare to Hope' Course 7.00pm MRR
28 th June	Year of Jubilee Retreat Day in MRR

5 th July	Parish BBQ and shared meal at STM
6 th July	Parish BBQ and shared meal at SJW

SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING JUNE

1 st June	Catholic Communications
15 th June	Day for Life
29 th June	Peter's Pence

READERS FOR JUNE

STM	31 st	5.00pm	Janet Ward
	1 st	9.00am	Maureen Porter
	7 th	5.00pm	Quinita Colaco
	8 th	9.00am	Sonia Carvell
	14 th	5.00pm	Sarah Hall
	15 th	9.00am	Kris Pears
	21 st	5.00pm	Mandy Crilly
	22 nd	9.00am	Lanzo Amirtharaj
	28 th	5.00pm	Clare Staines
	29 th	9.00am	Ana Fernandes
SJW	1 st	11.00am	Eugenie
	8 th	11.00am	Yuan
	15 th	11.00am	Godwin
	22 nd	11.00am	Jacqueline
	29 th	11.00am	Alanna

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: Mark McDermott, Michael Brittain, Ellen Cullinane, Lily Gallacher, Esther Carlin, Mary Smith, Brian Matthews, Mary Nerney, Michael Maguire, Luke Walker, Paul Mackey, James Gallagher, Alice O'Toole, Patrick Crilly, Joan Gardner, Janet McGinty, Angela Connolly, Elizabeth Ferguson, Peter McGurk, Thomas Hanlon, Rosemary (Mimi) Bourke, Margaret Keane, Joseph Anderson, Violet Norris, Elizabeth Garry, Terrence Brooks, Edward Prior, Katherine Nerney, Herbert Vincent, Elizabeth Walls, Brian Donovan, Michael Ryan, Sheila Ottley, Seamus Ledwidge, Bernard Dolan, John Purdie, Julie Connoll, Bridget McCarthy, Alan Richards, Shaun McDaid, William Grogan, Marie Law, Anthony Mayne, Margaret O'Regan, Monica Cerowski, Edith Palmer, Mary Gleeson, Ben Freeman, Giovanni (John) Niro, Geraldine Haverty, James Rees, Patrick Fox, Eddie Walsh, Bernadette Haydon, Denis O'Sullivan, Joan Hope, Nora Chandler, Catherine Ilsley, Bernard Glynn, Anne Thomson, Ann Lane, Joan Weaver, Edward Wallman-Durrant, Sheila Bateman, Lilian Stokes, Terence Sharpe, Mary Gettlevog, Eric Butler, Kathleen Webb, Anne Donohue, Patrick Stanford, Dot O'Connell, Joseph Scott, Christine Price, Alma Paganini, Christopher Lewis, Bridget Cherry, Ollive Croxon, Patrick O'Halloran, Edna Lalley, Peter Long, Edward Price, Bob Burns, Steve Donnelly, Arthur Townend.

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READINGS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97(96)

R: The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne. R

The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him. R

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods. R

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

