

**The induction of
Fr Oliver Holt OSB
as parish priest of
St Gregory's and Our Lady of Peace,
Stratford-upon-Avon**



by

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**Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday 14 December 2024**

**that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do, through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Fr Abbot May almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Kyrie *Sung*

Opening Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE SIT

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord will exult you with loud singing

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

Repeat response after the Cantor and after each verse of the Psalm

R/ Shout aloud and sing praise

For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

The Lord is at hand

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

All Sing before and after the verse Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Luke 3: 10-18

And we, what shall we do?

Fr Oliver The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Fr Oliver A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel:

Fr Oliver The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

PLEASE SIT

Rite of Induction

The Letter of Appointment

Fr Abbot reads the Letter of Appointment.

The Profession of Faith

Fr Abbot Will you now make the Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Fidelity which is required of all those holding office and teaching responsibility in the Church?

Fr Oliver now makes the Profession of Faith.

The Oath of Fidelity

Fr Oliver then places his hand on the book of the Gospel and takes the Oath of Fidelity.

Formula of Induction

Fr Abbot reads the Formula of Induction

All **Amen.**

Custody of the Church

Fr Abbot presents the Keys of the Church

Fr Abbot Receive the keys of the Church. By your faithfulness to Christ and by the power of his word, guard your people from all harm and open to them the way to heaven.

Fr Oliver Amen.

Then Fr Abbot addresses the people

Fr Abbot Will you loyally support your Parish Priest and assist him in all his endeavours for your own good and that of others?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Praying the Word of God

Fr Abbot presents the Bible

Fr Abbot Take this Bible which enshrines the Word of God. Will you assiduously meditate on it, preach it to your people and use it for prayer in the daily office of the Church?

Fr Oliver With God's help, I will.

Then Fr Abbot addresses the people

Fr Abbot Will you follow your Parish Priest in the reading of the Scriptures and attend to his teaching? Will you pray for your Parish Priest and join in prayer with him as opportunity allows?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Fr Abbot Will you share with your Parish Priest the mission of the Church to bring the Word of God to those who do not know it?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion

Fr Abbot presents a Baptismal Shell, White Stole and the Holy Oils.

Fr Abbot Be the faithful minister of holy Baptism that the children of your parish may be reborn in Christ. Will you instruct them and prepare them for Confirmation and Holy Communion?

Fr Oliver With God's help, I will.

Then Fr Abbot addresses the people

Fr Abbot Will you present your children for the Sacraments of Initiation and bring them up in the knowledge and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ?

All **With God's help, we will.**

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Healing

Fr Abbot presents a purple stole.

Fr Abbot By Ordination you have been appointed minister of Christ's reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance. Will you faithfully carry out these duties especially for the sick and the dying?

Fr Oliver With God's help, I will.

Fr Abbot Will you ensure that your people have the opportunity of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Will you visit your people, having a special care for the sick and housebound so that they can receive the anointing of the sick and holy communion?

Fr Oliver With God's help, I will.

Then Fr Abbot addresses the people

Fr Abbot Will you seek the reconciliation of Christ in the Sacrament of Confession and seek to bring peace and reconciliation to your lives and to the society in which we live?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Fr Abbot Will you share the ministry to the sick and the dying in your homes and in the parish, and summon the priest in case of need?

All **With God's help, we will.**

The Eucharist and the Tabernacle

Fr Abbot presents the Key to the Tabernacle

Fr Abbot Receive the key of the tabernacle where Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament. Will you celebrate Mass regularly and by word and example foster among your people devotion to the Holy Eucharist?

Fr Oliver I will.

The Fr Abbot addresses the people

Fr Abbot Will you diligently come to Mass and with your Parish Priest offer yourselves and your lives to God through Jesus Christ?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Fr Abbot Will you reverence and adore Christ in the Blessed sacrament?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Fr Abbot May the Lord bless this parish and its new Parish Priest. May the Lord keep you faithful to all that you have undertaken and give you joy in his service.

All **Amen.**

The Certificate of Induction is now signed and witnessed.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Lord, accept the gifts we offer
at this Eucharist feast;
bread and wine to be transformed now
through the action of Thy priest.
Take us too, Lord, and transform us,
be Thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless
as the host of wheat so fine;
may all stain of sin be crushed out,
like the grape that forms the wine,
as we, too, become partakers
in this sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, almighty Father,
living God, eternal, true,
which we give through Christ, our Saviour,
pleading here for us anew.
Grant salvation to all present,
and our faith and love renew.

Prayer over the Gifts

PLEASE STAND

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus *Sung*

Fr Abbot The Mystery of Faith
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.**

Great Amen *Sung*

COMMUNION RITE

Fr Abbot At the Saviour's command
 and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All **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.**

Fr Abbot 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.

All **For the kingdom, the power and the glory
 are yours now and for ever.**

Fr Abbot 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.

All **Amen.**

Fr Abbot The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All **And with your spirit.**

Fr Oliver Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We all exchange the sign of peace with those around us.

Agnus Dei *Sung*

PLEASE KNEEL

Fr Abbot Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All **Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul shall be healed.**

Those who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church, or who are unable to receive Holy Communion for any other reason are invited to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing

Hymn at Communion

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

Fr Abbot The Lord be with you.
All **And with your spirit.**

Fr Abbot Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **Both now and for ever**

Fr Abbot Our help is in the name of the Lord
All **Who made heaven and earth**

Fr Abbot May almighty God bless you, the Father, and
 the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Fr Oliver Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, thou Rod Jesse free,
thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

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