

Trinity 8
Sunday 26th July 2026
Parish Eucharist
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Processional Hymn

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever will be:**

Refrain: ***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

Introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The congregation sits and the president introduces the theme of the service.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

introduced by the Deacon

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

please stand

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Refrain**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
*Refrain***

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
*Refrain***

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Romans 8:26-end

At the end the reader may say
For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A sentence from the scripture is spoken and then we respond singing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

please sit

Prayers of Intercession

please sit

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

At the end:

Most merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Creed

please stand

Let us affirm together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

please stand

The president may use a sentence of introduction followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

A collection plate will be passed around during this hymn. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby, or the QR code



**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
*Refrain***

**Come see his hands and his feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
*Refrain***

**So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving.
*Refrain***

The Eucharistic Prayer

please stand

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

please sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says an invitation to Communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Communion

Please wait to be called by a sidesperson. You will be guided to follow the walking route of the church.

Anthem

please sit

There is no anthem this week as the choir are on holiday.

Prayer after Communion

silence is kept

Strengthen for service, Lord,

the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

The Notices and Banns of Marriage

please sit

The Blessing

please stand

....and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.**

Dismissal

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please stay behind and join us for refreshments!