

Third Before Lent
Sunday 5th February 2023
All-Age Eucharist with Baptism
Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

Processional Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day!

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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.

*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 God,
who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading **Matthew 5: 13-20** *please stand*

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 sung and then we respond singing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All-Age Talk and Prayers *please sit*

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are presented to the congregation;

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *N*

and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Declarations & Promises

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the Cross

The minister of baptism or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the candidates with the oil of baptism.

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The candidates gather at the font.

Baptism Hymn

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.**

The Prayer Over the Water

Declaring Our Faith

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

We 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?

We 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?

We 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. Amen.

The Baptism

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

The Welcome and the Peace

please stand

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby.

**The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his Way;**

**The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his Way;**

**The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his Way;**

**The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his Way;**

**The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his Way;**

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the bread of life and cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

**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.

At the end of the prayer of consecration we all respond:

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.

The 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

If you would like to receive Communion you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not normally have communion but you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding this service book as a sign. A sidesperson will show you when to come up

Anthem

please sit

Love divine - Howard Goodall

Prayer after Communion

silence is kept.

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and 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, Banns of Marriage and Birthdays

Presentation of Chorister Medals

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Blessing

please stand

Recessional Hymn

**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluia!**

**The first apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful men and true,
sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluia!**

**Then magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluia!**

**Christ through all ages is the same;
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluia!**

**Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
in service to the Lord of light:
Alleluia!**

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Please stay and join us for refreshments!