



**The Eucharist on Easter Day With Baptism and Admission of  
Children to Communion  
Sunday 17th April 2022  
Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne**



**Welcoming the Easter Candle**

*please stand*

Christ, yesterday and today.

**The beginning and the end**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages:

**To him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The deacon brings in the lit Easter candle and proclaims each time getting louder:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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**Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb  
We fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
We are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
We are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Gloria** *please stand as we sing:*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading** *please stand*

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as the gospel is read.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**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.**

## **Sermon** *please sit*

# The Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism

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 these candidates  
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president asks the candidates for baptism:*

Do you wish to be baptised?

*Candidates: I do.*

*Parents and godparents or sponsors are asked questions to which they respond:*

The Church receives Thea with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk  
with her in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Thea begins her journey in faith.

You speak for her today.

Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of  
Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

*The president addresses the congregation and candidates for baptism*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

*When all the candidates have been signed, the president says*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

## Admission of Children to Communion

We are God's pilgrim people. We share in the story of God's love for the world.  
God's love in Christ, calling us to himself,  
God's love in the Spirit, giving strength for our journey of faith.  
We celebrate this love in word and song,  
we feed on Jesus in bread and wine and make him known through our life together.

Do you wish to receive communion from this day forward?

*Candidates: I do.*

As the people of God in this place, we share the responsibility of encouraging one another in our worship and supporting one another in our discipleship, by our example and our prayers.

**We welcome you in Jesus' name to receive communion with us.**

## Baptism Hymn

*please stand*

*There is a procession to the font and all turn to face it.*

**Refrain:**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. Refrain.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and is risen. Refrain.**

**Come let praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.**

## Profession of Faith

*The water in the font was blessed at our dawn service this morning.*

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 president asks the candidates*

*N, is this your faith?*

*Candidates: This is my faith.*

## 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**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
N & N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

## **The Peace**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

*Let us offer one another a wave of peace.*

## **Offertory Hymn**      *please stand*

*No collection plate will be passed around. If you would like to leave a cash donation, please take it to the offering plate on the font. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the Narthex.*

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our Leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

*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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

## 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 the invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Those who have been baptised and those receiving their First Communion today receive communion first. If you normally receive Communion in your own church, you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not, please come to the altar for a blessing, holding this book as a sign. Someone will indicate when to come up.*

## Anthems

*My Beloved Spake - Hadley*

*This Joyful Eastertide – Wood*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

## **Blessing**

God the Father,  
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **Giving of a lighted Candle**

*The baptism and first communion candidates come forward and receive 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 candidates then join the procession.*

## **Recessional Hymn**     *please stand*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

**Refrain:**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

***Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

***Refrain***

## **Dismissal**

*Go in the peace and light of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**