



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Parish Eucharist  
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne**



**Processional Hymn**

**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.**

## The Greeting

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.**

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

*please sit*

*Words of introduction may be said.*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and fresh hope!**

Jesus is raised from the dead!

**God has claimed us as his own.**

He has brought us out of darkness!

**He has made us light to the world.**

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

## Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the risen Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

*Children gather at the front before leaving for Children's church;*

**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 Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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

## Reading                      **Acts 2: 14a. 36-41**

*At the end the reader may say:*

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

**This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:**

**Refrain:**

***Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen..***

**My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:**

***Refrain***

**Death's flood hath lost his chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:**

***Refrain***

## Gospel Reading                      **Luke 24: 13-35**                      *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 John.

**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*

## Affirmation of Faith

*please stand*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:**

**this we have received, and this we believe.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*please sit*

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,

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

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*please stand*

*The children return and gather at the Chancel steps.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*The children invite us to share a sign of peace:*

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*



**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits**  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

**Christ is risen, we are risen;**  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia! to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia! to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*The president takes the bread and wine says:*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world. Amen.**

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

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
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 the 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**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

## **The Anthem**

*please sit*

*God be in my head - Rutter*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples

in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;

who 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.**

## **Notices and Banns of Marriage**

*please sit*

## **Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith;

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

*please stand*

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
*Alleluia!***

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal;  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
*Alleluia!***

**Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.  
*Alleluia!***

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
*Alleluia!***

**Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given;  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
*Alleluia!***

## Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Organ Voluntary

**Please stay and join us for refreshments!  
*There is No Evening Service today.***