5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 7th May 2023
All-Age Eucharist
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Processional Hymn

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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*

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 through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 *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 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 and Prayers *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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace *please stand*

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.

'Let us offer one another a sign of peace'.

Offertory Hymn

A collection plate will be passed around during the Offertory Hymn. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the Entrance Lobby.

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father
of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is
for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: ***Come then, all ye nations,***
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is
his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread
he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in
our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the
sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise
him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise
him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

The president takes the bread and wine and 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.

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.

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

You are very welcome to receive Communion at St Leonard's but if you prefer not to, please come for a blessing, holding this service book as a sign.

The Anthem *please sit*

The Call – Vaughan Williams

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
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, Birthdays 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*

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Please stay and join us for refreshments!