



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Parish 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**

**Reading                      Acts 8: 26-end**

*At the end the reader may say:*

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**You are the vine,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.**

**You are the vine,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.**

Then we'll grow in Your love,  
Then we'll go in your name,  
That the world will surely know  
That You have the power to heal and save.

You are the vine,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.

**Gospel Reading**                      **John 15: 1-8**                      *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**    *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 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 return from Children's Church, gather at the chancel steps and say:  
'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.*

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my Guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*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.**

*If you normally receive Communion in your own church, you are very welcome to do so here.*

*If you do not, please come up to the altar for a blessing, holding this booklet as a sign.*

*Someone will show you when to come up.*

## **The Anthem**

*please sit*

*I am the true vine - Aston*

## **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!**