



**6th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 10th May 2026**



**Parish Eucharist
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne**

Processional Hymn

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Jesu, true and living bread.**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia! We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia! Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified.**

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*

The children gather at the Chancel steps as we all 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.**

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. Amen.
*Refrain***

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading *Acts 17: 22-31*

At the end the reader may say

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.**

Gospel Reading **John 14: 15-21** *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 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



**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

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.**

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.

Anthem

please sit

If ye love me - MacMillan

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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*

God is love: let heaven adore him;

God is love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

**He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.**

**God is love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.**

**And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

**God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Please stay and join us for refreshments!

This evening's service is Taizé at 18.30