



**Ascension Sunday
Sunday 17th May 2026**



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

Processional Hymn

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!**

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

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1: 6 – 14

At the end the reader may say

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

Gradual Hymn

**Eternal Monarch, King most high,
whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
by whom the death of Death was wrought
and conquering grace's battle fought:**

**Ascending to the throne of might,
and seated at the Father's right,
all power in heaven is Jesu's own,
that here his manhood had not known.**

**Yea, angels tremble when they see
how changed is our humanity;
for flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
and God, the flesh of God hath reigned.**

**Be thou our joy and strong defence,
who art our future recompense:
so shall the light that springs from thee
be ours through all eternity.**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to thee let earth accord,
who art, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit One. Amen.**

Gospel Reading **John 17: 1-11** *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



**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.**

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

God is gone up - Finzi

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
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.

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*

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining
hear us as we sing:**

Refrain:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

Refrain

**Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

Refrain

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

Refrain

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Refrain

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 Choral Evensong at 16.30**