



**Epiphany Sunday
Sunday 7th January 2024
All Age Eucharist
Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne**



An informal welcome is offered before the service begins.

Processional Hymn

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

**In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
thou its Sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.**

The Gathering

We meet in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Introduction

Please sit

The theme of the service is introduced informally.

There is one body and one spirit,
There is one hope to which we were called;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
One God and Father of all.

Penitence

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh
and splendour of the Father:
Lord have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

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

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life. **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

O God,
who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2: 1-12*

We all stand and turn to face the gospel as it is read.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A sentence from 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:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon and Prayers for All Ages

Affirmation of Faith

please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During which the collection will be taken

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the last supper, and we use this acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

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.**

Lord's Prayer

please sit

**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

The president invites the people to communion
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Communion

You are very welcome to receive Communion at St Leonards but if prefer not please come to the Altar for a blessing, holding this service book as a sign.

Anthem

Bethlehem Down – Warlock Check with Calum

Prayer After Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, 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, Blessing of the Chalk and Birthdays

The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

please stand

**We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain:

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy Perfect Light.***

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again:
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.**

Refrain

**Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh:
pray'r and praising, all men raising,
worship Him, God most high.**

Refrain

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes of life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Refrain

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
king and God and sacrifice.
heaven sings: 'Alleluia';
'Alleluia' the earth replies.**

Refrain

Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary