



Epiphany Sunday Sunday 3rd January 2021



Parish Eucharist Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Welcome

The congregation is welcomed informally before the service begins concluding with an invitation to reflect in quiet.

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 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 Greeting

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

and we beheld his glory

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

and also with you.

The president invites the congregation to sit and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence *Introduced by the Deacon*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins

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.

Choir sing:

*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 In Excelsis *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
Amen.**

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

First Reading

(Not at 11.15 Service)

At the end:

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

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

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

The Creed *please stand*

(Not at 11.15 Service)

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *please sit*

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

or

Lord hear us.

Hear our prayer.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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 peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

No collection plate will be passed around. If you would like to leave a cash donation please take it to the offering plate on the font. Alternatively please use our contactless card reader in the Narthex.

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
where they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep,**

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!***

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
*Nowell, Nowell ...***

**And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
*Nowell, Nowell ...***

**Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
*Nowell, Nowell ...***

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth of
naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
*Nowell, Nowell ...***

The president takes the bread and wine says a prayer to which we all reply:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer *please stand*

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 and we all say:

*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.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

...Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *please sit*

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour has 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 one bread.

The Agnus Dei *(Sung by Choir)*

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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Communion

Please wait to be called by a sidesperson. You will be guided to follow the walking route of the church. If you would like to receive a blessing, go to the side of the steps with this booklet and wait.

The Anthem *please sit* (11.15 only)

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings an Anthem.

Bethlehem Down – Warlock

Prayer after Communion: *Silence is kept.*

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said followed by:

Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Notices and Banns of Marriage

The Blessing *please stand*

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with his joy and peace.

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

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

*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.**

O star of wonder...

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

O star of wonder...

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

O star of wonder...

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

O star of wonder...

Words & Music: JH Hopkins (1820-1891)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.