

**Stewardship Sunday
Sunday 17th September 2023
Parish Eucharist
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne**

Processional Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
all that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.**

Introduction

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.

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
we may share abundantly in every good work.

cf. 2 Corinthians 9.8

The congregation sits and the president introduces the theme of the service.

Responsary

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord
that they may be used for his glory.

May the Spirit of God fill our hearts
as we come to meet him in this place.

Prayers of Penitence

Introduced by the Deacon.

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Father, in all things you are generous towards us,
yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you show us the way of humility,
yet we have given reluctantly;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,
yet we have loved grudgingly;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept

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

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given *us* a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us* our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus 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

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

At the end the reader may say

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Refrain:

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Refrain

**And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 6.19-33

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

A Litany of Generosity

Let us give thanks to God for his gifts so generous given to us,
and for the blessings we are called to share.

For recognising that all things come from you,
for remembering that we are stewards of your gifts,
for wisely using the resources entrusted to us.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For rejoicing in the beauty of creation,
for the care of your world, for sharing the gifts of creation equally among all people.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For encountering the joy of giving,
for humility in putting others' needs before our own,
for embracing the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For courage in offering sacrificial generosity, for giving to be an act of worship,
for grace in offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to your Church,
for freely giving as we have received, for giving and not counting the cost.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For releasing our hold on material possessions,
for contentment in what we have, for trust in letting go.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For generosity in love, encouragement and hope,
for openness in invitation and hospitality, for wisdom in the gift of friendship.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For serving you as you deserve,
for following our calling as your disciples, for serving you with gladness of heart.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For being a blessing through the blessings we receive,
for generosity which enables mission, for sharing abundantly in every good work.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

For living a generous life, for our actions to point beyond themselves,
for our generosity to be an expression of love and gratitude.

We offer ourselves to you, O God.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

please stand

The Spirit brings love, generosity and 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

A collection plate will be passed around if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby.

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
 Refrain**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
 Refrain**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
 Refrain**

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

God of all creation,
the source of life and giver of all good things;
through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer our lives;
that we may be used to serve others, and give you glory.
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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:

**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

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 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

The president says an invitation to Communion:

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Please wait to be called by a sidesperson. You will be guided to follow the walking route of the church.

Anthem

please sit

Wash me thoroughly – Wesley

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Loving and righteous God.

here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity
which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve;

liberate us from all jealousy and greed,

that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves,

and love and serve others to witness to your glory,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

The Notices and Banns of Marriage

please sit

St Leonard's 2023 Stewardship is introduced by the Rector.

The Blessing *please stand*

The God of hope fill us with every blessing, that we may share in every good work; 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

**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Please stay and join us for refreshments!