

Trinity 14
Sunday 21st September 2025
Parish Eucharist with Baptism
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Processional Hymn

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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.

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

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

introduced by the Deacon

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; 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

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Amos 8: 4-7

At the end the reader may say

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

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 and Prayers

please sit

The Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Isla and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The parents and godparents are asked questions to which they respond:

The Church receives Isla with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith

and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Isla begins her journey in faith. You speak with her today.

Will you care for her, and help her to take her place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The president addresses the congregation and candidates for baptism:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

The minister of baptism or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the child with the oil of baptism.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Please stand for the procession to the font. Children's Church return to join the baptism.

Prayer over the Water

The minister stands before the water of baptism and says:

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,

where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

Isla, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Isla, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

please stand

The president may use a sentence of introduction followed by:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children's Church return to their families.

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



- 1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

- 2. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.**

**3. There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.**

**4. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Wise and gracious God, You spread a table before us.
Nourish your people with the Word of life, And the bread of heaven.

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,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest 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 sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins 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 heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion

If you normally receive Communion in your own church, you are very welcome to do so here.

If you do not, please come up to the altar for a blessing, holding this booklet as a sign.

Someone will show you when to come up.

Anthem

please sit

Ubi caritas - Gjeilo

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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.**

The Notices and Banns of Marriage *please sit*

The Blessing *please stand*

...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

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Please stay behind and join us for refreshments!
This evening we have our Scholarship Fund Concert at 16.30.