

Trinity 7
Sunday 23rd July 2023
Parish Eucharist with Baptism
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

Processional Hymn

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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 sit 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.*

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. Amen.
*Refrain***

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 13: 24-30, 36-43*

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

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 *N* and uphold them in their 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 *N*, with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *N* begins their journey in faith.

You speak with them today.

Will you care for them, and help them to take their 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

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates have been signed, the president says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

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

Amen.

Please stand for the procession to the font.

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 baptized in the River Jordan,

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

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

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water that those who are baptized 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

N, 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:

N, by one Spirit we are all baptized 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.

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, God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.**

**Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too.**

**For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new**

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,
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:

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.

The Anthem

please sit

If ye love me - Tallis

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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*

Giving of a lighted Candle

The newly baptised is brought forward and receives a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.
Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter that kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

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!