

**The Baptism of Christ  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Parish Eucharist  
Mass of St Thomas –Thorne**

**Processional Hymn**

**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!**

**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.**

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**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*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*The choir sings:*

*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.**

## The Gloria

*please stand*

*The children gather at the Chancel steps as we all sing:*

**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**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

**The Reading**      *Isaiah 43: 1-7 or Acts 8: 14-17*

## **Gradual Hymn**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity**

**Gospel Reading      *Luke 3: 15-17. 21-22***

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.*  
**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.**

**Sermon**                      *please sit*

**The Creed**                      *please stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped  
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**     *please sit*

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

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 children return and gather at the Chancel steps.*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

*The children invite us to share a sign of peace:*

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 Entrance Lobby.*

**Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
make we thee our king most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,  
risen master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,  
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,  
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,  
thou to man the truth declarest;  
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with thee beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere!**

## **The 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.**

**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.**

*Christ is the bread of life.*

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come again.**

.... 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*

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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The choir sings:*

*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**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying 'Alleluia'  
The Lord our God has entered into his Kingdom.  
**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## **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*

*During the distribution of communion the choir sings an anthem:  
A New Year Carol - Britten*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through 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*

God give to you and to all those whom you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
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**

**Hail to the Lord's anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.**

**Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.**

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Organ Voluntary**