

**PARISH OF HUDDERSFIELD
ALL SAINTS AND ST THOMAS**

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 29 November 2009

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE MASS



The gathering

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth;
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn;
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South;
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Mass is introduced and we are invited to confess our sins.

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.



**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(21. 25-28, 34-36)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The homily

The affirmation of faith

**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 men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

The prayer of the faithful

Lord, hear us;
and set us free.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

There will be signs upon the sun;
the moon and stars will share earth's agony,
and every nation will be fearful of the sound:
the ocean's roar, the raging sea;
then they will see the Son of Man
riding the clouds with power and glory;
hold up your heads your liberation is at hand;
your destiny, your destiny.

*O stay awake, do not fear the night:
the dawn will break with the Saviour's light,
your liberation is at hand;
O stay awake, O stay awake!*

The time is near we must arise,
no longer living in the dark of night.
So arm yourselves as people
living in a way of truthfulness, integrity,
and hold a dream of days to come
when we will reach God's holy mountain
and change all weapons into instruments
of peace to sow the seed of justice.

Pray brethren, that my sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his church.**

The prayer over the gifts



The eucharistic prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

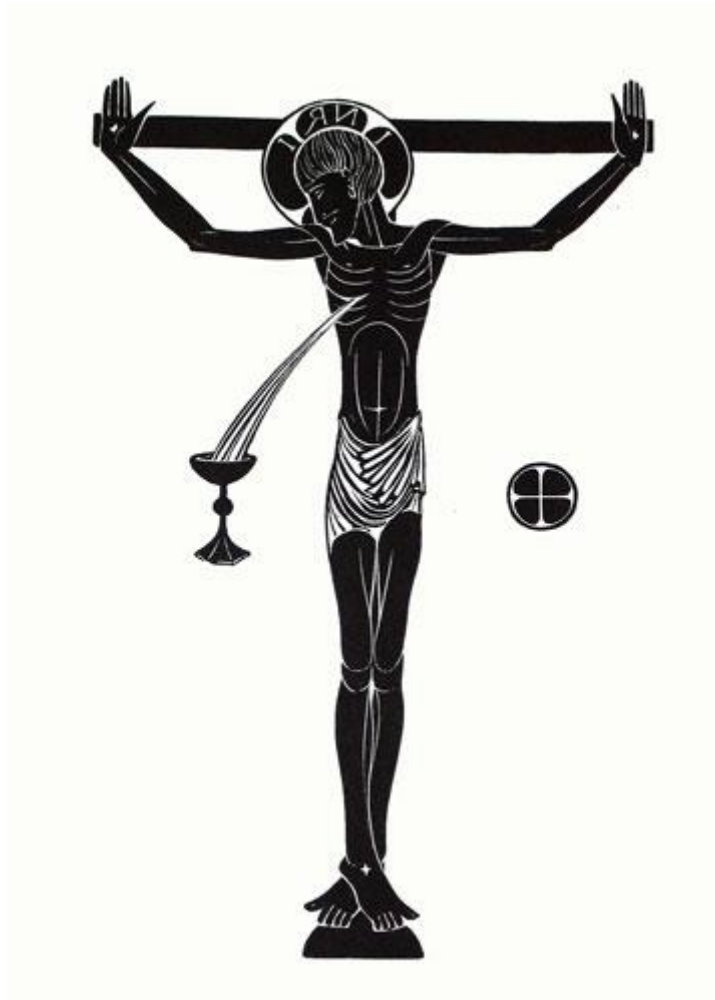
The priest continues the preface.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might.
God of power and God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord Most High,
in the name of the Lord Most High,
Hosanna, **hosanna,**
Hosanna, **hosanna,**
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dying you destroyed our death,
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
come again in glory.
come again in glory.



Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen, amen.
Amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Word made flesh, bearer of our sins;

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Morning Star; Jesus, Prince of Peace:

Jesus, Bread of life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of kings; Jesus, Lord of all:

Jesus, Lamb of God, give us your peace.

This is the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who receive Holy Communion receive communion
now. Others may wish to come forward for a blessing.*

**O the valleys shall ring
with the sound of praise,
and the lion shall lie with the Lamb.
Of his government there shall be no end
and his glory will fill the earth.**

**May your will be done,
may your kingdom come,
let it rule, let it reign in our lives.
there's a shout in the camp
as we answer the call,
Hail the King, hail the Lord of lords.**

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone,
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Silent prayer

The Prayer after Communion

Sit for the notices

The dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever,
thy holy places are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities like the wind
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and has consumed us,
because of our iniquities.

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that you may know me and believe me,
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye,
comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not for I will save thee
for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

The end of a significant year!

Yesterday saw the end of a great year of celebrations marking the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of St Thomas's church.

There have been some great events. The Mass on the Dedication Festival on 30 June must have been the highlight for most of us, but the concert by the Chippendale Singers last Sunday's Mass and service in the evening have all been high spots.

Added to that St Thomas's has been busy with many events which have not related directly to the celebrations but which have added to the year's celebrations. The Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival is one such recent event as are the two Inter Faith events held recently.

There can be no doubt that St Thomas's is in a really healthy position to face the task of mission and ministry in the next one hundred and fifty years. Our recent parish meetings will help us focus on that task and help us to see the way forward in terms of producing the resources to enable our vision to be realised.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Do buy your Christmas cards from St Thomas's this year and think about some of the other items on sale as possible
Christmas presents

Service of Light

We hope that everyone will make a special effort to be at church this evening for an Advent reflection of readings and music. Bring a friend or two as well. There will be refreshments afterwards!

PCC meeting

There will be a meeting of the PCC after the 6.30pm Mass on Tuesday 8 December.

Healing Mass

The Mass on Saturday will include the laying on of hands and anointing. Do take the opportunity to receive the Church's ministry of healing.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 29 November	Advent Sunday	Service of Light at 19.30
Monday 30 November	St Andrew	Mass at 18.30
Monday 30 November	Churches Together	Outing to Chatsworth
Tuesday 8 December	The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	Mass at 12.15 and 6.30pm followed by a PCC meeting
Thursday 24 December	Christmas Eve	Mass at 10.00 followed by church cleaning and decorating
Thursday 24 December	Christmas Eve	17.00 Blessing of the Crib 18.30 Vigil Mass of Christmas
Friday 25 Decmeber	The Nativity of Our Lord	10.30 Mass

NOTICES

Sunday 29 November

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
CANDLELIT SERVICE OF LIGHT	19.30

Monday 30 November

S ANDREW

Morning Prayer	08.30
AA	<i>12.00</i>
Evening Prayer	19.00
MASS	19.30

Tuesday 1 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS <i>(followed by lunch)</i>	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.15
AA <i>(Hall)</i>	<i>19.30</i>

Wednesday 2 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Huddersfield People's Choir</i>	<i>19.00</i>

Thursday 3 December

S Francis Xavier

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Djembeat</i>	<i>19.00</i>

Friday 4 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
Breakfast	08.45
AA	<i>12.00</i>
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Saturday 5 December

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS with the laying on of hands and anointing	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 6 December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY	13.00
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

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