

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 6 December 2009

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE MASS



The gathering

***Come to set us free,
come to make us your own.
Come to show the way
to your people, your chosen.
Open our lives to the light of your promise.
Come to our hearts with healing,
come to our minds with power,
come to us and bring us your life.***

**You are light which shines in darkness,
Morning Star which never sets.
Open our eyes which only dimly see
the truth which sets us free.**

**You are hope which brings us courage,
you are strength which never fails.
Open our minds to ways we do not know
but where your Spirit grows.**

**You are promise of salvation,
you are God in human form.
Bring to our world of emptiness and fear
the word we long to hear.**

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

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

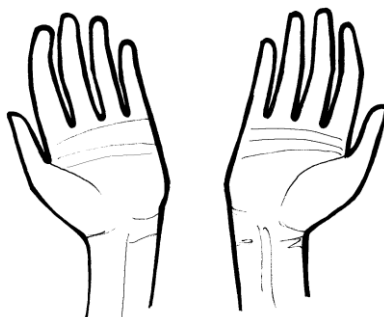
The Mass is introduced and we are invited to confess our sins.

**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 opening prayer



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Baruch
(5. 1-9)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The response to the psalm:

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
(1.3-6, 8-11)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(3. 1-6)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The homily

The Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

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 this candidate
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The parents and godparents are addressed:

Parents and godparents, 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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

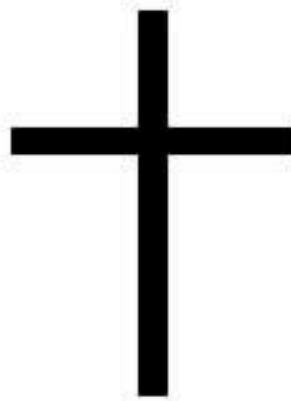
The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of the candidate with the oil of baptism.

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

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.



The Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

The priest dips the candidate in water, or pours water on him, saying

Joshua, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The newly baptized are anointed with the oil of chrism

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 newly baptized are given 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 the light of Christ
all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The newly baptized are clothed with a white garment.

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

God, the all-powerful Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
has given us a new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit,
and forgiven all our sins.
May he also keep us faithful
to our Lord Jesus Christ
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people are sprinkled with water from the font.

**There is a river that flows from God above,
there is a fountain that's filled with his great love.
*Come to the waters, there is a great supply,
there is a river that never shall run dry.***

**Wash me with water, and then I shall be clean;
clean as the new snow, if you remove my sin.**

**Plunged in the water, the tomb of our rebirth,
so may we rise up to share in Christ's new life.**

**All who are thirsty, now hear God as he calls;
come to the Lord's side, his life pours out for all.**

**Safe in the new Ark, the Church of Christ our Lord,
praise God for water, his sign to save the world.**

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The prayer of the faithful

Lord, hear us;
and fill us with joy.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

***Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Make straight his paths!
Fill in the valleys, lay the hills low,
smooth the rough places where he will go,
and all the earth shall see the saving power of God.***

**Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand,
the light which the darkness can never withstand.**

**Cry out with a voice that is strong and sure
'The flower will fade, but my word will endure!'**

**Get up the high mountain and shout the Good News;
'Fear not, for the Lord God Almighty rules!'**

**Like a shepherd he shelters his flock from harm;
and tenderly leads the young with his arm.**

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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, holy,
holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
blessed is the one who comes to us in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Risen Jesus, risen Jesus,
by your dying you destroyed our death, O Jesus,
and we lift our hands before you
as we wait for your return,
risen Jesus, risen Jesus.**



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, alleluia!

Amen, amen, alleluia!

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.**

Amen, amen, alleluia!

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,
bearer of our sins;

Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
through this bread and wine we share
may we be your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
bearer of our pain;
Jesus, healer:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
broken as our bread,
here among us:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
poured out as our wine,
shared in gladness:

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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.*

**Open your eyes, see the glory of the King.
Lift up your voice and his praises sing.
I love you, Lord. I will proclaim.
Alleluia, I bless your name.**

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**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.***

**The time is near we must arise,
no longer living in the dark of night.
So arm yourselves as people
living in the 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 seeds of justice.**

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Silent prayer

The Prayer after Communion

Sit for the notices

The dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lord, have mercy on your people.
Grant us in this life the good things
that lead to the everlasting life you prepare for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

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



Please pray for Joshua, baptized today, for his parents
and godparents.

The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

There are two opportunities to be at Mass on Tuesday for this important feast day. There will be the usual Mass at 12.15 and an additional Mass at 6.30pm.

PCC

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

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

Thanks to all who made last Sunday evening's service such a memorable occasion, and to all those who took part in the different readings.

Dates for your diary:

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| 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 December | The Nativity of Our Lord | 10.30 Mass |

NOTICES

Sunday 6 December

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Morning Prayer | 09.45 |
| MASS AND BAPTISM OF JOSHUA CLIFFE | 10.30 |
| <i>ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY</i> | 13.00 |
| EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | 19.30 |

Monday 7 December

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

Tuesday 8 December

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

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| Morning Prayer | 08.30 |
| MASS <i>(followed by lunch)</i> | 12.15 |
| Evening Prayer | 18.15 |
| MASS | 18.30 |
| PCC | 19.15 |
| <i>AA (Hall)</i> | <i>19.30</i> |

Wednesday 9 December

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

Thursday 10 December

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

Friday 11 December

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

Saturday 12 December

Our Lady of Guadeloupe

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| Morning Prayer | 09.30 |
| MASS | 10.00 |
| Evening Prayer | 18.15 |

Sunday 13 December
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY

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| Morning Prayer | 09.45 |
| MASS | 10.30 |
| EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | 19.30 |

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