

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

**ST THOMAS'S CHURCH**

**Sunday 20 December 2009**

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

**THE MASS**





## ***The gathering***

**O come, O come Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone  
far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee O Israel.***

**O Come thou wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
creating man from dust and clay:  
to us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come Adonai,  
who in thy glorious majesty  
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

**O come thou root of Jesse! Draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from those dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save.**

**O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free,  
safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! Show  
thy kingly reign on earth below;  
thou Cornerstone, uniting all,  
restore the ruin of our fall.**

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 Micah  
(5.1-4)

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

*The response to the psalm:*



God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The musical notation is a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 2/4 time. It consists of 12 measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter). The final note is a double bar line.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews  
(10. 5-10)

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

## ***The gospel acclamation***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*(1.39-44)*

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 in to 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 in your mercy:  
hear our prayer.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Eucharist***

***Mother of Jesus,  
and mother of lowliness,  
bearing the light of the world.  
Radiant with glory,  
the glory of Jesus,  
conceived by the Spirit of God.***

**In the beginning of time  
God's Holy Spirit did shine,  
breathed on the deep  
and the darkness of night,  
bringing the promise of light.**

**Then in the fullness of time  
came the same spirit sublime  
breathed on the womb  
of the Virgin of grace,  
called her the chosen of God.**

**Wondrous the moment that heard  
you say *Amen* to the Word;  
son of the Father,  
and Light of his light,  
face of the Godhead unveiled.**

**Mary, our Lady of light,  
you are the Father's delight;  
pray for us sinners  
to Jesus, your Son,  
show us the light of the world.**

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.**

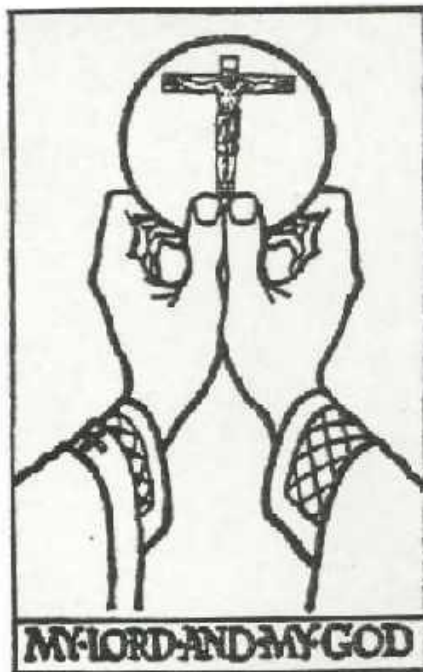
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

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,  
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:

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.*

What do you want of me, Lord?  
Where do you want me to serve you?  
Where can I sing your praises?  
I am your song.

*Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

I hear you call my name, Lord,  
and I am moved within me.  
Your spirit stirs my deepest self.  
Sing your song in me

*Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

Above, below and around me,  
Before, behind, and all through me,  
your Spirit burns deep within me.  
Fire my life with your love.

*Jesus, Jesus, be warmth of my heart.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

You are the light in my darkness.  
You are my strength when I'm weary.  
You give me sight when I'm blinded.  
Come see for me.

*Jesus, Jesus, you are the Light.  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*

I am your song and servant,  
singing your praise like Mary.  
Surrendered to your Spirit,  
'Let it be done to me.'

*Jesus, Jesus, 'Let it be done to me.'  
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.*



**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
we call your name, Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
we call your name, Emmanuel.**

***Silent prayer***

***The Prayer after Communion***

*Sit for the notices*

***The dismissal***

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord, may all Christian people  
both know and cherish  
the heavenly gifts they have received.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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.**

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold;  
'Peace on the earth, good will to men',  
from heaven's all-gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and man, at war with man, hears not  
the love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when the new heaven and earth shall own  
the prince of peace their king,  
and all the world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

**At St Thomas's**, no collections are taken in church during services. If you missed the basket on your way in, you will find another basket on the way out! If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete the white gift aid envelope. This increases the value of your offering by 25% as the church is able to reclaim the income tax you have paid on your donation.

### ***Confessions before Christmas***

A priest will be available to hear confessions before each Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A service of reconciliation will be incorporated into the Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Make sure that you take advantage of these opportunities before Christmas.

### ***Christmas Eve***

Mass will be at 10.00 and then we will spend an hour or so decorating the trees and the church. Please make an real effort to come. The more people we have the less time it takes!

### ***Services at Christmas***

Please check the notices most carefully so that you are sure about the times of services over the next week or so.

The children's crib service will be at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve.

There will be a Vigil Mass of Christmas at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve. This Mass will fulfill the Christmas obligation and will provide an alternative time for those who find it hard to get to church on Christmas Day. Some will be able to come to both the Vigil Mass and the Mass on Christmas Day.

Remember, if you need a lift just mention it to Fran, Tim or Fr Leslie and we will make sure that you can get to church and back home again!

Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10.30am.

### ***Communion for the sick or housebound***

Let Fr Leslie know if there is anyone who should receive communion at home this Christmas because they are unable to come to church.

### ***Going away for Christmas?***

Please let the churchwardens know if you are going to be away so that there is not unnecessary concern if someone is not at church over the Christmas period.

## **NOTICES**

Sunday 20 December

### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>09.45</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>10.30</b>
<b><i>ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY</i></b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION</b>	<b>19.30</b>

Monday 21 December

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>08.30</b>
<i>AA</i>	<i>12.00</i>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>18.15</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>18.30</b>

Tuesday 22 December

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>08.30</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>11.45</b>
<b>MASS (including a service of reconciliation)</b>	<b>12.15</b>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>18.15</b>

Wednesday 23 December

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>08.30</b>
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>18.15</b>
<b>MASS (including a service of reconciliation)</b>	<b>18.30</b>

Thursday 24 December

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Morning Prayer** 09.30

**MASS** 10.00

**CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE** 17.00

**Evening Prayer** 18.15

**VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS** 18.30

Friday 25 December

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**Morning Prayer** 09.45

**MASS** 10.30

AA (Hall) 12.00

Saturday 26 December

**S STEPHEN**

**Morning Prayer** 09.30

**MASS** 10.00

Sunday 27 December

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Morning Prayer** 09.45

**MASS** 10.30

**Evening Prayer** 19.30

Monday 28 December

**HOLY INNOCENTS**

**Morning Prayer** 09.30

**MASS** 10.00

AA 12.00

Tuesday 29 December

**FIFTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE**

**Morning Prayer** 09.30

**MASS** 10.00

Wednesday 30 December

***SIXTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE***

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>10.00</b>

Thursday 31 December

***SEVENTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE***

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>10.00</b>

Friday 1 January 2010

***OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
MARY MOTHER OF GOD***

<b>MASS</b>	<b>12.00</b>
AA (Hall)	12.00

Saturday 2 January

***Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen***

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>09.30</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>18.15</b>

Sunday 3 January

***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>09.45</b>
<b>MASS</b>	<b>10.30</b>
<b><i>ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY</i></b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>CAROLS AND BENEDICTION</b>	<b>18.15</b>

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