

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 16 May 2010

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THE MASS



The gathering

**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
To his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven; alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates!
He has conquered death and sin;
take the king of glory in.**

**Circled round with angel powers,
their triumphant Lord and ours;
wide unfold the radiant scene,
take the king of glory in.**

**Lo the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.**

**See, he lifts his hands above,
see, he shows the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow,
blessings on his church below.**

**Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.**

**Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.**

**Ever upward let us move,
wafted on the wings of love;
looking when our Lord shall come,
longing, sighing after home.**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Mass is introduced.

The blessing and sprinkling with holy water

Lord God almighty,
hear the prayers of your people:
we celebrate our creation and redemption.
Hear our prayers and bless this water
which gives fruitfulness to the fields,
and refreshment and cleansing to humankind.
You chose water to show your goodness
when you led your people to freedom
through the Red Sea
and satisfied their thirst in the desert
with water from the rock.
Water was the symbol used by the prophets
to foretell your new covenant with your people.
You made the water of baptism holy
by Christ's baptism in the Jordan:
by it you give us a new birth
and renew us in holiness.
may this water remind us of our baptism,
and let us share the joy
of all who have been baptized at Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Water of life cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.***

**All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you will never be thirsty again.**

**Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him.
Death shall no longer have power over us.**

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the eucharist we celebrate
make us worthy to sit at his table
in the heavenly kingdom.

Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

***Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.***

Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God -
you take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer -
for you alone are the Holy One
and you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son,
glory Holy Spirit -
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.

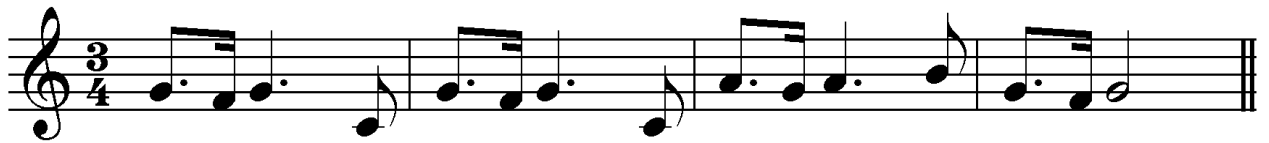
The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(1. 1-11)

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

The response to the psalm:



God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast .

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
(1. 17-23)

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

The gospel acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always; yes to the end of time.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(24. 46-53)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The homily

The Affirmation of Faith

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

**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.**

**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 Prayer of the Faithful

**Lord, hear us through your Son;
who sits at your right hand in glory.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old at Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia!
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified.**

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!**

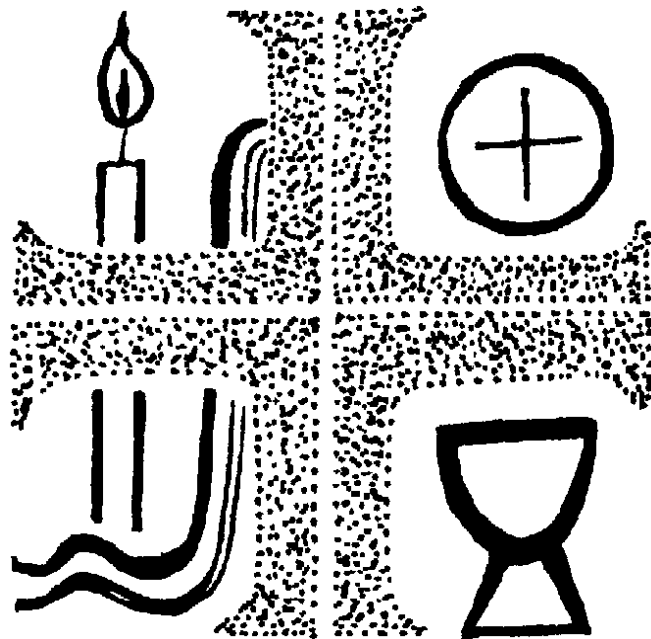
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The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

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.**

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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!**

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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, risen Lord, triumphant King:

Jesus, true redeemer of the world.

Hear our prayer, have mercy;

hear our prayer, have mercy;

give us your peace.

Jesus, Morning Star which never sets:

Jesus, paschal Lamb and sacrifice.

Jesus, bursting from the shattered tomb:

Jesus, mighty victor over death.

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:

Jesus, here in form of bread and wine.

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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.

**Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
'Take my body; take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine; Christ our Lord.**

**Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.
Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine; Christ our Lord.**

**Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people joined in prayer
faith is strengthened by the food we share.
'Take my body; take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine; Christ our Lord.**

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**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of Lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

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.

May almighty God bless you on this day
when his only Son ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for you.

Amen.

After his resurrection, Christ was seen by his disciples.
When he appears as judge
may you be pleasing for ever in his sight.

Amen.

You believe that Jesus has taken his seat in majesty
at the right hand of God the Father.

May you have the joy of experiencing
that he is also with you to the end of time,
according to his promise.

Amen.

And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom , authority,
flows from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

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.

Ascension Day

Today is Ascension Day. Recent years have seen the Feast of the Ascension celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter rather than the fortieth day of Easter. Some of us regret the change whilst others find it helpful. It used to be the custom that the Paschal candle was extinguished after the Gospel reading at the principal Mass on Ascension Day; now it continues to be lit until the end of the last service on the Feast of Pentecost – the fiftieth day of Easter.

The days between Ascension Day and Pentecost focus on the Holy Spirit in preparation for the great festival next Sunday. Make a special effort to come to Mass on at least one extra day in the coming week.

Christian Aid

Please give generously to the work of Christian Aid today if you did not do so last week. You may wish to sponsor one of those doing the annual walk organised by Churches Together in the Lower Colne Valley which begins at Parkwood Methodist Church at about 12.30 today and finishes here at St Thomas's about 4.00pm.

Pentecost

Next Sunday is the great festival of Pentecost. There should be no excuses for not being at church on this day! We will celebrate with lunch after the 10.30 Mass. Bring along some friends and get in touch with anyone who has not been to church recently to encourage them to come.

Pentecost Sunday is also the occasion of the baptism of Thomas and Malachi Francique, Barbara's grandchildren. Pray for them and for their parents and godparents.

PCC meeting

At Monday's PCC meeting Tim Slater was elected as Vice Chair, Angela Philip as Secretary, Shereen Putnam as Treasurer, Marjorie Cunningham as Electoral Roll Officer, Eelin Megson as Child Protection Officer, Lloyd Cudjoe and Shermaine Bates as members of the PCC Standing Committee.

Norma Jones, who was licensed as a Lay Pastoral Minister in the parish of Longwood received the PCC's support for her to undertake that work in St Thomas's parish. In that capacity Norma will also be a Eucharistic minister.

A financial report indicated that voluntary income for the first four months of the year was 3% higher than budgeted and 16% higher than the same period last year. This is good news! It was also reported that, in the same period, £5,700 of the parish share had been paid and the full insurance premium on the church had also been paid.

Fair Trade Wine and more

Friday 4 June is the provisional date for a wine tasting evening featuring fairly traded wines. Other fair trade goods will be available for sampling and for purchase. Put the date in your diaries now and more information will follow in due course.

The parish hall has been closed to allow essential maintenance work to take place. All groups will be accommodated in the narthex until the hall is available again.

Quotes are being sought for the work and when this process is complete we will be looking at ways of funding the necessary work.

Walsingham Pilgrims

On Thursday 20 May all pilgrims are invited to come to Mass and stay on for a time when we can discuss details of the pilgrimage and have something to eat and drink together.

Treasures Revealed and Exhibition

29 May – 6 June

St Thomas's will be open each day for a nine day festival involving places of worship of many different faiths in Kirklees. Running concurrently will be an exhibition of Leonard Rangeley's work. If you have a picture that you would be happy to lend to the church for that exhibition please let Fr Leslie know.

<i>Dates for your diary</i>			
Sunday 16 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass at 10.30. Christian Aid Sponsored Walk	
Thursday 20 May	Walsingham Pilgrims	Mass at 18.30 followed by meeting and social evening	
Sunday 23 May	PENTECOST	Lunch after the 10.30 Mass	Baptism of Malachi and Thomas Francique
Saturday 29 May – Sunday 6 June	Treasures Revealed	Church open from 9.00- 12.00 and 14.00 – 16.00 each day	
Friday 4 June	Fair Trade Wine Tasting	19.00	

Monday 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 10.00	<i>The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Sunday 6 June	CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	Procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.30 Mass	
Friday 11 June	THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Mass at 13.30 and 18.30	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Saturday 12 June	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Mass at 10.00	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Sunday 13 June	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass at 10.30	Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Thursday 24 June	THE BIRTHDAY OF S JOHN BAPTIST	Mass at 18.30	
Saturday 26 June		Working Party after the Mass at 10.00	
Tuesday 29 June	SS PETER AND PAUL	Mass at 12.15 and 19.30	
Wednesday 30 June	DEDICATION FESTIVAL	Mass at 19.30 Buffet supper	
Sunday 4 July	ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE	Mass at 10.30 Barbecue	
Friday 6 August	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Mass at 18.30	
Sunday 15 August	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	Mass at 10.30	

NOTICES

Sunday 16 May

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
<i>Christian Aid Sponsored Walk</i>	12.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

Monday 17 May

Morning Prayer	08.30
<i>KRAFT</i>	10.00-16.00
<i>AA</i>	12.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 18 May

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.15
<i>AA</i>	19.30

Wednesday 19 May

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Huddersfield Peoples Choir</i>	19.00

Thursday 20 May

Morning Prayer	08.30
<i>KRAFT</i>	10.00-16.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Djembeat</i>	19.00

Friday 21 May

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

Saturday 22 May

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 23 May
PENTECOST

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY	14.00
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

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