

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Wednesday 17 February 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE MASS



The gathering

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!**

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

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Joel
(2. 12-187)

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

*For the psalm, we listen to Allegri's setting of Psalm
50(51)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians
(5. 20-6.2)

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

The gospel acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(6. 1-6, 16-18)

**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The homily

The blessing and giving of ashes

Dear friends in Christ,
let us ask our Father
to bless these ashes
which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

Lord, bless the sinner who asks for forgiveness
and bless all those who receive these ashes.
May they keep this Lenten season
in preparation for the joy of Easter.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

As the ashes are distributed:



Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

The prayer of the faithful

Hear us, O Lord;
that we may repent and believe.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall,
so must we to others' call.
*Long have I waited for you
coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.***

**The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.**

**You shall sleep secure with peace,
faithfulness will be your joy.**

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

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.

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

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant 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.*

**You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words to foreign men
and they will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.
*Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.**

**If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.**

**If you stand before the power of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.**

**Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs;
blest are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!**

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.**

He said,

***'Freely, freely, you have received,
freely, freely give.***

***Go in my name, and because you believe,
others may know that I live'.***

**All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.**

**God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.**

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

NOTICES

Wednesday 17 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES	18.30
<i>Huddersfield Peoples Choir</i>	<i>19.30</i>

Thursday 18 February

Morning Prayer	08.30
FUNERAL Joseph Nathaniel Springer	12.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Djembeat</i>	<i>19.00</i>

Friday 19 February

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	19.15

Saturday 20 February

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 21 February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	18.15

