

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Thursday 24 December 2009

THE VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS



The gathering

**Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha, from that Fountain
all that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic close,
*evermore and evermore.***

**By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
*evermore and evermore.***

**O how blest that wondrous birthday,
when the Maid the curse retrieved,
brought to birth mankind's salvation,
by the Holy Ghost conceived;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
in her loving arms received,
*evermore and evermore.***

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
angels and archangels, sing!
Whereso'ere ye be, ye faithful,
let your joyous anthems ring,
every tongue his name confessing,
countless voices answering,
*evermore and evermore.***

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Word of God,
You are with us every day until the end of time;
open our eyes to your presence among us.
Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus Christ, the angels sang your glory.
You are with us every day until the end of time:
open our hearts to the needs of your people.
Christe eleison,
Christe eleison.

Lord Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit,
You are with us every day until the end of time:
open our lives to the love of your Father.
Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

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



Gloria in excelsis Deo

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
(62. 1-5)

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

The response to the psalm:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(13. 16-17, 22-25)

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

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world
and the saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
(1.18-25)

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:**

(all genuflect)

**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

**Father, we pray to you;
and bless you for ever.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter
long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty
Jesus Christ.**

**Enough for him whom Cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk
and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him, whom angels
fall down before,
the ox, and ass, and camel
which adore.**

**Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
thronged the air;
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the beloved
with a kiss.**

**What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him -
give my heart.**

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 has 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.

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

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.*

**Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant so tender and mild:
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night.
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing *alleluia*:
Christ, the Saviour is born.
Christ, the Saviour is born.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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.

When he came to us as man,
the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world,
and filled this holy day with his glory.

May the God of infinite goodness
scatter the darkness of sin
and brighten your hearts with holiness.

Amen.

God sent his angels to shepherds
to herald the great joy of our Saviour's birth.

May he fill you with joy
and make you heralds of his gospel.

Amen.

When the Word became man,
earth was joined to heaven.

May he give you his peace and good will
and fellowship with all his heavenly host.

Amen.

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.

**O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and adore him
born the King of angels.
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.***

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created.**

**Sing choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
in the highest.**

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.

Billy Bray RIP

Billy died last week. He had had a short spell in hospital but had returned to Paddock Lodge. His funeral will be at 12 noon on Thursday 31 December. Please remember him in your prayers and also his family in Australia.

Ulric Jordan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ulric Jordan who died this week. His funeral service will be on Tuesday 12 January at a time to be confirmed.

NOTICES

Thursday 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00

Thursday 31 December

SEVENTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
FUNERAL SERVICE (Billy Bray)	12.00

Friday 1 January 2010

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

MASS	12.00
AA (Hall)	12.00

Saturday 2 January

Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 3 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY	13.00
CAROLS AND BENEDICTION	18.15

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