

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 3 January 2010

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE MASS



The gathering

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou would reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

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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.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations.
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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, 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 prophet Isaiah
(60. 1-6)

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

The response to the psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
(3.2-3, 5-6)

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Thanks be to God.

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
(2. 1-12)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The announcement of moveable feasts

The blessing of chalk

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 hear us;

and lead us to Christ.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far.
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three(?),
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

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 God of might,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, alleluia!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Christ will come again in glory!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

**Bethlehem! of noblest cities
none can once with thee compare;
thou alone the Lord from heaven
didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the lands their God announcing,
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided,
see the Eastern kings appear;
see them bend, their gifts to offer –
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning!
Incense doth a God disclose;
gold a royal child proclaimeth;
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
to the gentile world displayed,
with the Father and the Spirit,
endless praise to thee be paid.**

**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.

God has called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light.
May you experience his kindness and blessings,
and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.
Amen.

Because you are followers of Christ,
who appeared on this day
as a light shining in darkness,
may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.
Amen.

The wise men followed the star,
and found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord
when your pilgrimage is ended.
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.

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

***O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.***

**Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.**

**Frankincence to offer have I,
incence owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
alleluia, alleluia,
earth to heaven replies.**

Marking of houses

The chalk blessed at Mass today should be used to mark the doors of houses as follows:

20 + K + M + B + 10

Crowns may decorate the initial letters of the Kings' names and the letters OPN (orate pro nobis) added below.



This evening, there will be a short service of readings and carols and Benediction. Afterwards there will be a bit of a party so come along, bring something to eat or a bottle of something!

Financial matters

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously in 2009. It was been a difficult year financially, but we start 2010 in a much healthier position. More details to follow shortly!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Billy Bray, laid to rest on Thursday last week and Ulric Jordan to be laid to rest on Tuesday 12 January at 11.00am.

Fr Leslie will be away this week so use the church telephone number and leave a message if you need a priest urgently.

Statistics

It is good to be able to report that numbers receiving Holy Communion in St Thomas's Church in the last quarter of the year 2009 were up by 9% on the previous year. The figures for the whole of 2009 were 5924 representing a rise of 3% on the whole year. This number is the highest for fourteen years.

NOTICES

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
Buffet Supper	19.00

Monday 4 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 5 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS <i>(followed by lunch)</i>	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.30

Wednesday 6 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Thursday 7 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Friday 8 January

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

Saturday 9 January

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 10 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	18.15

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