

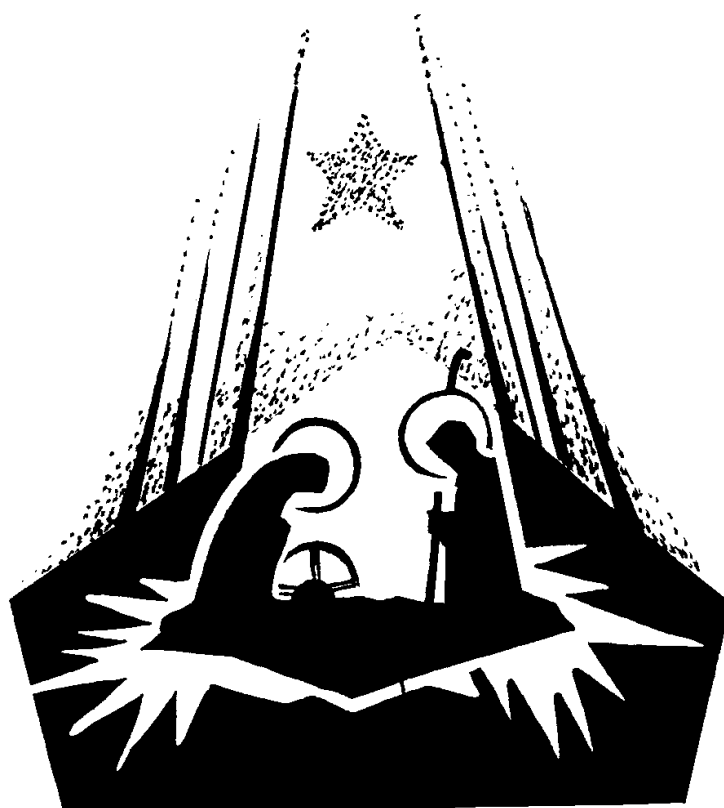
**PARISH OF HUDDERSFIELD
ALL SAINTS AND ST THOMAS**

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 27 December 2009

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

THE MASS



The gathering

**See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn,
hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies;
he who, throned in heights sublime,
sits amid the cherubim.**

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?**

**'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth.'**

**Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss,
down to such a world as this.**

**Virgin mother, Mary blest,
by the joys that fill thy breast,
pray for us, that we may prove
worthy of the Saviour's love.**

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 book of Ecclesiasticus
(3. 2-6, 12-14)

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

The response to the psalm:

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
(3. 12-21)

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

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
(2. 41-52)

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 hear our prayer;

through our brother, Jesus Christ.

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 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, **Amen**,
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.

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.*

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus
no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven,
to live with thee there.

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;
angels beheld him on his throne:
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
happy for ever are his own.

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, you care for your people even when they stray.
Grant us a complete change of heart, so that we may follow you
with greater fidelity.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and 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.

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.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to clean and decorate the church and to those who have been to Mass each day to make sure that our Christmas celebrations are continuing throughout the Octave.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Morning Prayer is at 9.30 and Mass is at 10.00am. Evening Prayer will not be said in church.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Friday 1 January 2009
Mass will be at 12.00 noon. This will be sung with all the ceremonies so could one or more Liturgy Team Leaders volunteer to organize things!

Mass on Saturday is at 10.00 and will include the laying on of hands and anointing.

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.

The Feast of the Epiphany falls next Sunday. There will be a carol service and Benediction at 6.15pm followed by a bit of a party if we can all bring some food and a bottle or two!

NOTICES

Sunday 27 December

<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i>

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
Evening Prayer	19.30

Monday 28 December

<i>HOLY INNOCENTS</i>

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
AA	12.00

Tuesday 29 December

<i>FIFTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE</i>

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00

Wednesday 30 December

<i>SIXTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE</i>

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00

Thursday 31 December

<i>SEVENTH DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE</i>

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

Friday 1 January 2010

<i>OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS</i> <i>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</i>

MASS	12.00
AA (Hall)	12.00

Saturday 2 January

<i>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>
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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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