

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 14 February 2010

***THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME***

THE MASS



The gathering

**Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting king!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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.

Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness,
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us
strength.
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

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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Glory to God in the highest.

Peace to his people on earth.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King.

Almighty God and Father.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

We worship you we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.

Miserere nobis. **Miserere nobis.**

Lord God, Lamb of God. **Miserere nobis.**

You take away the sin of the world. **Miserere nobis.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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For you alone are the Holy One.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Lord.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Most High.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

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The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
(17. 5-8)

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

The response to the psalm:



Hap - py the man, who has placed his trust in the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
(15. 12-16. 20)

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

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;
that we may trust you always.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Welcome all ye noble saints of old,
as now before your very eyes unfold
the wonders all so long ago foretold.
*God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.***

**Elders, martyrs, all are falling down,
prophets, patriarchs are gathering round;
what angels longed to see, now man has found.**

**Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen Saviour, Prince of peace.**

**Beggars, lame and harlots also here;
repentant publicans are drawing near;
wayward sons come home without a fear.**

**Worship in the presence of the Lord
with joyful songs, and hearts in one accord,
and let our host at table be adored.**

**When at last this earth shall pass away,
when Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
the feast of love is just begun that day.**

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**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

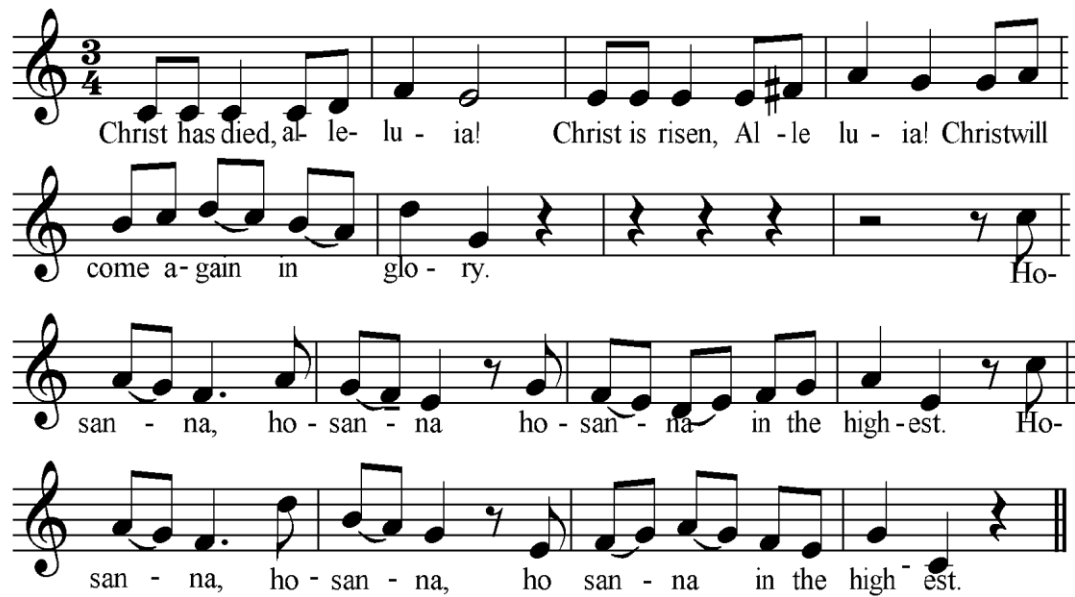
Ho- ly, ho- ly, holy Lord, God of power and God of might, heav'n and
earth are full. heav'n and earth are full, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Fine

Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho-

D.S.

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, al-le-lu-ia! Christ is risen, Al-le-lu-ia! Christ will
come a-gain in glo-ry. Ho-
san-na, ho-san-na ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-
san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.



A- men.

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.*

**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.**

**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 peace 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.

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.

Haiti Appeal

People are continuing to be very generous in terms of the appeal for Haiti. Although images of Haiti on the television and in the newspapers are now less frequently seen, the need is just as urgent. Below is an article written by Alan Boyd, the Minister of the Methodist Mission in Huddersfield, which puts the situation in perspective.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, with an average income of less than £1.20/day. It has suffered from years of misrule and disaster. Life expectancy is 51. Poverty, malnutrition, AIDS and other chronic diseases are widespread. Only about half of the population can read and write.

The people of Haiti are reeling from the catastrophe of the 13th January, when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit their nation. It was the worst in 200 years. In a country slightly bigger than Wales, up to 200,000 people are dead, 1.5 million are homeless, and 3 million people out of a population of about 9 million are severely affected by it.

If this were happening in the UK, the equivalent would be 1.4 million dead (roughly every single man, woman and child in Leeds and Sheffield), 10 million homeless (everyone in the North of England), with devastating consequences for 20 million people (that's everyone in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the North of England together).

This is just about impossible to take in, leaves us feeling inadequate or guilty, wondering what we can do, and asking questions about what God's up to. I know that many of you have already responded generously to the various appeals, and I want to encourage you to keep on doing that. Prayer, support, encouragement are the order of the day – and beyond. The people and government of Haiti will need our help long after they've slipped from the front pages of the newspapers.

And what about God? What is God up to? While this disaster has unfolded, Cruise ships have continued to dock at private pleasure beaches 60 miles up the coast from Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince. The holidaymakers have had barbeques, swum, jet-skied, sunbathed, lounged on the beach, and swung in hammocks - having rum cocktails brought to them. I think that one thing that God is 'up to' is challenging us not to be indifferent. Not nations. Not communities. Not individuals.

We're about to enter the Christian season of LENT, and move towards Good Friday and Easter. On the eve of his death, Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane. The Bible tells us (Mark 12:32-42) how Jesus, knowing what he had to face - the cup of commitment and suffering he'd have to drink from - threw himself on the ground and prayed "Father ...remove this cup from me".

God didn't take it away, and in spite of everything, Jesus chose to drink. We too are being asked to drink from this cup on behalf of our fellow human beings on this moor, in this town, and across the oceans. To drink and to act.

To grasp the whole Easter story, we at least need to take this picture, and Good Friday and the resurrection of Easter morning together. Against all the odds, and against all reason, new life came in the end – but it began by deciding to drink from a cup. God, our world, and the people of Haiti especially look to us to drink deeply.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tobias Wilson, laid to rest on Friday last week, and Joseph Nathaniel Springer to be laid to rest on Thursday.

Saturday 27 February will be an important date for our Ethiopian friends who worship in St Thomas's. People will be coming from all over the country and a large crowd is expected. Try to pop in at some stage during the day to join in the worship. More details to follow.

Shrove Tuesday

Fun, food and pancakes galore promised at the second annual Shrove Tuesday Quiz Nite! Come along at 7.00pm on Tuesday and bring family and friends!

Lent begins on Wednesday

Mass with Imposition of Ashes will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday. Do make every effort to be present so that our whole parish community can begin Lent together. If you need a lift, do ask.

And talking of lifts!

The Huddersfield People's Choir will begin its weekly rehearsal just as we are ending Mass on Wednesday. This puts pressure on our parking space. If you can offer someone a lift who normally brings their own car that will be a great help.

Stations of the Cross

There will be the opportunity to follow the Way of the Cross at 7.15pm on Friday evenings during Lent. Also there will be at least one time on a Tuesday morning. We are in the process of producing a booklet of the Stations of the Cross with pictures of the Stations here in St Thomas's. Watch this space!

Two important feast days interrupt our Lenten celebrations. On **19 March** we keep the Solemnity of **St Joseph**. This is also the anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church in 1857. On **25 March**, we celebrate the **Annunciation of the Lord**.

On both these days we hope to have a sung Mass, some food together, and then a time of doing some learning together as requested in our recent stewardship review. Put the dates in your diaries now!

Bus Lane

The proposed bus lane along our stretch of Manchester Road has had a good airing in the local press recently. In informal consultations, parish priest and churchwardens have supported the idea in principle, but drawn attention to the proposed banning of a right turn into Fenton Square for traffic coming from town.

We requested a sign, before Outcote Bank, for St Thomas's, directing traffic along Bankfield Road and also asked that the council should widen the opening into the church grounds, thereby making a left turn easier.

At first they said that the widening of the entrance to the car park was not possible within their £950,000 budget!

As a result of that, we said that were minded to object to the statutory proposals which are now published – see local lamp-posts!

The widening of the opening **has now** been included in the plans, but we will probably still object to the banning of the right turn. Cars turning right are not so numerous as to affect drastically the flow of traffic, but they are sufficiently numerous to make the restriction a severe inconvenience to those visiting the church and church hall. Directing traffic along Bankfield Road will cause problems on an already narrow and congested street.

We have to make our objections fairly quickly. Have a word with Fr leslie, with Fran or with Tim if you have any views.

NOTICES

Sunday 14 February

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY	14.00
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	18.15

Monday 15 February

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 16 February

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS <i>(followed by lunch)</i>	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.15

Wednesday 17 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Huddersfield People's Choir</i>	<i>19.00</i>

Thursday 18 February

Morning Prayer	08.30
FUNERAL <i>Joseph Nathaniel Springer</i>	12.00
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30
<i>Djembeat</i>	<i>19.30</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

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