

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

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

***THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY***

Sunday 24 January 2010

***THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME***

THE MASS



The gathering

**The Church's one foundation,
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own love he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly
on high may dwell with thee.**

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

The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Mass is introduced and we are invited to confess our
sins.*

Lord Jesus, you are our Passover Lamb.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins
through the water of baptism.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood.

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.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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, Oh 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 the Lord

Glory Father and Son,
Glory Holy Spirit.
To you we raise our hands up high
We glorify your name.

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The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Nehemiah
(8. 2-6, 8-10)

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

The psalm:

***Yahweh, I know you are near,
standing always at my side,
you guard me from the foe
and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

**Lord, you have searched my heart
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.**

**When can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea
still I'd find you there.**

**You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in secret of darkness, before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.**

**Marvellous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts my Lord!
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
(12. 12-30)

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

The gospel acclamation

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.***

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
***Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.***
(1.1-4, 4. 14-21)

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

**Father, open our lips;
to proclaim your holy Gospel.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

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, holy,
holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
blessed is the one who comes to us in your name.
And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Risen Jesus, risen Jesus,
by your dying you destroyed our death, O Jesus.
And we lift our hands before you
as we wait for your return,
risen Jesus, risen Jesus.**

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, alleluia!

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**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.**

Amen, amen, alleluia!

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.*

**Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love, weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.**

**Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.**

**Such love, springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.**

O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done'.
Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.

For all thy church, O Lord we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace.
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold.
O bring them back, good shepherd of the sheep;
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in unity.

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, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light, walk in the light,
*Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.***

**Jesus promised life to all.
The dead were wakened by his call.**

**He died in pain on Calvary,
to save the lost like you and me.**

**We know his death was not the end,
He gave his Spirit to be our friend.**

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
the Father's kindness is revealed.**

**The Spirit lives in you and me,
his light will shine for all to see.**

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

About £250 was sent off to Christian Aid on Monday last week. We will send another cheque tomorrow, and envelopes will be available again next week. Thanks to all those who responded so generously.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

This afternoon, at 2.30pm, at Parkwood Methodist Church, Paddock there will be the annual ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Do make the effort to go.

Email from America!

We have recently heard from someone in the USA who went to church with her daughter at Christmas. One of the songs was '*Here in this place*', one we frequently sing here. They went on to the internet to find the song and came across a video on YouTube. This video is a compilation of photographs from a Walsingham pilgrimage from St Thomas's with the recording of the song from our CD. The video was put together by Ange some time ago. This led them to the St Thomas's website and to our online shop. An order arrived for the CD and this has now been dispatched.

Food for thought –

Holocaust Memorial Day – Thursday 28 January

This reflection will take place at Huddersfield Town Hall at 7.15pm. Put the date in your diaries and try to be there. Some of us will probably leave for the Town Hall from St Thomas's at about 7.00pm after the Mass at 6.30pm. There are flyers in the narthex with more details.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

This feast day is on Tuesday 2 February. The feast commemorates the fortieth day after Christmas when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple. In the old days the feast was known as *The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, and is often referred to as *Candlemas*.

The ceremony associated with the feast day is a procession into the church with lighted candles representing Jesus, the Light of the World, being brought into the temple. The words of Simeon, '*Lord, now let your servant go in peace.....*' are sung during the procession and then heard in the gospel reading.

The gospel also contains the prophecy of Simeon in which he says to Mary, '*and a sword will pierce your own soul too*'. This has given the feast day a pivotal role in the church's liturgical year; looking back to the birth and infancy of Jesus, and looking forward to his cross and passion.

This year, 2 February is a Tuesday, and in addition to the Mass at 12.15 there will be a sung Mass at 6.30pm when our music will be led by the Huddersfield Friends of Church Music. Afterwards there will be a buffet supper. Make a note of the date in your diaries today!

Pancakes, pancakes, pancakes!

Shrove Tuesday, 16 February will see a repeat of last year's highly successful Quiz Evening and Pancake Party. Keep the evening free!

Planned giving envelopes are in the narthex for those who have not already taken them. If you would like a set of envelopes, do have a word with Fran or Tim.

Reading for the week:

There are copies of Unity Post, Word of Life, etc. in the narthex. Do take them and read them.

Next Sunday's readings:

Jeremiah	1. 4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians	12. 31 - 13. 13
Luke	4. 21-30

NOTICES

Sunday 24 January

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
<i>ECUMENICAL SERVICE - PARKWOOD</i>	14.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	18.15

Monday 25 January

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 26 January

Ss Timothy and Titus

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

Wednesday 27 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Thursday 28 January

S Thomas Aquinas

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Friday 29 January

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Saturday 30 January

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 31 January

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	18.15

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