



*St Thomas of
Canterbury, the
Parish Church for
Brentwood*

The Order of Mass

Sunday 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

These prayers are suitable as preparation for Mass

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen

St Thomas Aquinas

It is our custom to keep a prayerful silence before Mass

Please stand when the bell rings, at 08.00 the service begins as the priest stands before the image of Our Lady to greet her in the words of the Regina Coeli

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord. **Amen**

At 10.00 we sing the entrance hymn as the sacred ministers enter and the altar is censed.

**1 THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**2 My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

**3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill:
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**4 My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

The Gathering

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest welcomes us and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us
all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of
life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 sins 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**

**Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus
bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus
te, benedicimus te, adorámus
te, glorificámus te, grátias
ágimus tibi propter magnam
glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus,
Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater
omnípotens. Dómine Fili
Unigénite, Iesu Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta
mundi, miserére nobis; qui
tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe
deprecatiónem nostram. Qui
sedes ad délixteram Patris,
miserére nobis. Quóniam tu
solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus**

glory of God the Father.
Amen.

**Iesu Christe, cum Sancto
Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.**

The Collect

The Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray':

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

At 8am the psalm is said, while at 10am the choir sing the verses We join in with the response.

Psalm 23

R The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

1 John 3.16–24

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he

abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand for the acclamation and the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, (alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, (alleluia, alleluia.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10.11–18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own

accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

The Sermon

A sermon will be preached.

The Creed

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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

We bow as we proclaim the Mystery of the Incarnation.

WAS INCARNATE FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND 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 into 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of Intercession – Universal Prayers

After each petition we respond:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Or

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

The intercessor may conclude the prayer for the faithful departed with;

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace **Amen**

The prayers may conclude with a collect to which all respond:

Amen.

Or, by us saying together;

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant introduces the Peace:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory



A collection is taken at this celebration. If you don't have cash or are not part of our planned giving scheme and would like to support the ministry costs of St Thomas' please scan the QR code to be taken to the online donations page where you can easily donate to support the work of St Thomas' and complete the details allowing the reclamation of Gift Aid on your donation. At

10am we sing this hymn while the altar is prepared.

**1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

The Preparation of the Altar

At 08.00 as the celebrant takes the bread and the wine, we pray;

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

At 10.00 after all have been censed the Priest says;

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours 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.

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Preface

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We listen to God's work among us during the preface after which we sing the Sanctus and the Benedictus:

**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**

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra
glória tua.
Hosánna in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in
nómine Dómini.
Hosánna in excélsis.**

We kneel after the Sanctus and Benedictus.

After the consecration the following acclamation is said/sung:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the doxology to which all respond:

Amen

COMMUNION RITE

As our Saviour taught and commanded us we are bold to say:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei:

**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 peace.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta
mundi:**

miserére nobis.

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta
mundi:**

miserére nobis.

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta
mundi:**

dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant invites the people to communion.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the direction of the celebrant and sidespersons to come forward and receive communion. Those who are confirmed are welcome to make their communion at our celebration today. Otherwise please come forward for a blessing with you hands crossed across your chest. We have returned to receiving communion in both kinds. The response after receiving a blessing is **Amen***

The Body of Christ – **Amen**

The Blood of Christ – **Amen**

Anthem

The Choir sing – ‘Jubilare deo in B Flat’ –Charles Villers Stanford.

Communion Hymn

We sing the following hymn.

**1 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.**

**2 Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**3 Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.**

**4 Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.**

**5 Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

St Alphonsus Liguori

Post Communion

The priest says the post communion prayer:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under

his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Banns and Notices

We sit while any Banns of Marriage are published, and brief notices are given out. At 10.00 the Clubhouse present their work. We stand for the final blessing and dismissal.

Blessing and dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Regina Coeli

At 10.00 the sacred ministers gather before the image of Our Lady to greet her in the words of the Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The sacred ministers leave during the organ voluntary.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.00 Sung Mass.

Private Devotions during Communion or after Mass

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

**This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.*

From the Book of Common Prayer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
body of Christ, save me
blood of Christ, inebriate me
water from Christ's side, wash me
passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me
within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me come unto thee that I may
praise thee with thy saints and with thy angels forever and ever. Amen

Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most
gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our
exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O
loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

The Salve Regina

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