

Notices

Services this week:

- Monday to Thursday, 6pm: Evening Prayer
- Wednesday, 7.30pm: Mass (NB later time)
- The sacrament of reconciliation (confession) is available by appointment with Fr Stephen.

Monday 13 October: Monday Night Movies presents 'Don't Worry Darling', 7 for 7.30pm. See posters for details - all welcome!

Tuesday 14 October: Anti-hate crime event at Finsbury Park Trust, 225 Seven Sisters Rd. Community meal, followed by speakers from the council and police and an opportunity for discussion. 12.30–3pm.

Wednesday 15 October: Open Church 5–7.30pm; PCC meeting in the hall at 6.30pm followed by mass at 7.30.

Thursday 16 October: Tea at St Thomas's 2–4; Singing Group rehearsal at 7pm.

Friday 17 October: Crafts Group 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Sunday 19 October: Apple Day in Gillespie Park, 12–4pm, hosted by Islington Ecology Centre and the Friends of Gillespie Park. Live music, free kids' activities – and hundreds of apples to be pressed! Stalls from local charities, including St Thomas's. Free entry.

NB the Wednesday Crafts workshops have been postponed until the new year because of unforeseen circumstances. Further details to come.

We are collecting jars of coins to add to church general funds. Please bring them to church if you have any.

Please do not leave bicycles unattended during post-mass coffee – the church is left open for visitors, so it is best to move your bicycle round to the hall.

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St Thomas the Apostle, Finsbury Park

Dedication Festival

Sunday 12 October 2025



Please pray for:

- Sarah, our Bishop
- The Anglican Church of Uganda & archbishop Stephen Kazimba
- The PCC, meeting this week
- Birthdays: Katie Dawson, Nicola Byrne (15)
- For those sick/in need: Maggie & Ken Warner; Mavis Sewhcomar; Nadira Ali; Helen; Emma; June Hamlet; Kevin; Deirdre Waddell; Wilma Murphy; Mary Ball; Corinne Urquhart; Ken; Sebastian; Veronica & Hyacinth; Christopher; Lou; Pat; Abigail & Chris; Salima & family; Afsoun; James Jakob & baby; the Prescod family; the Pope family; Rachel & Jessica and family; Sacha Marson; Michelle Wooldridge; Andre Frantz; Michael Ashton (Snr) & Jayne Ashton
- The recently departed: Ray Pope; Michael Ashton (Jnr)
- Anniversaries: Ronald Irwin, Helen Cherney, Matthew Shepard (12); James Game, Ernest Stocker, Jikiba Saidy, Jon Blanchard (13); Florence Standing (14); Rosie Slater (15); Peter Bainbridge (16); Ossie Thompson (17)
- The founders and benefactors of St Thomas Finsbury Park

we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Welcome to St Thomas's!

We are delighted that you have chosen to be with us today. Please stay for refreshments after mass if you are able.

This sheet has everything you need to follow what's going on.

- *The text in italics gives instructions*
- The text in normal type is spoken by one of the ministers or a member of the congregation
- **The text in bold** is said together by everyone.

Please note that children should be accompanied to the toilet by their parent/carer.

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**The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

ANGELUS

President The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
All **and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us, sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

President Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
All **Be it unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...**

President And the Word was made flesh
**and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...**

President Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son,
Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel;
so by his Cross and Passion,

THE GATHERING

When the bell rings, we STAND to sing the hymn.

**Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.**

**Oh, then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious Name.**

**Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.**

*John Chandler, 1806–76
Tune: Harewood*

INTRODUCTION

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

All **Amen.**

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

The president introduces the celebration and invites us to remember our sins.

We remain standing and keep a short silence.

President Lord Jesus,
you raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

**And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**

The President greets the stone with incense and sprinkles it with holy water.

President How awesome is this place.

All **This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

President Let us pray.

O God,
make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
and narrow enough to shut out
all envy, pride and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough
to be no stumbling-block to children, or to straying feet,
but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power.
O God, make the door of this house
a gateway to thine eternal kingdom.

(711) *Thomas Ken (1637–*

All **Amen**

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

The procession continues to the statue of Our Lady as we sing,

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

We sing the hymn as the procession moves to the foundation stone.

**Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,**

The president blesses water, saying

God our Father, your gift of water
brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.

Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The president sprinkles us as we sing

**Come, flowing waters, pure and clear,
God's Holy Spirit bringing near,
Let us praise him! Alleluia!
Join each to each in peace and love,
With life you give us from above.**

**O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Tune: Laast uns erfreuen

President May the God of love and power

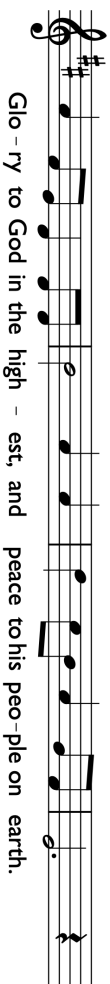
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

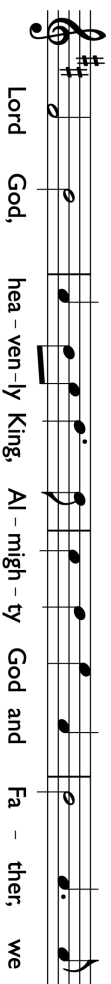
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.



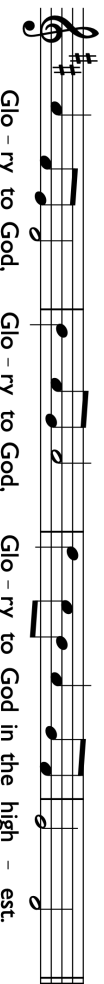
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

**there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Fr F.W. Faber (1814-63)

Tune: Corvedale

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

President Let us pray.

We STAND and pray together

**Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth
is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please SIT for the notices.

HOLY COMMUNION

Please follow the directions of the sidesmen.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion at St Thomas's. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest.

After communion, we remain *SITTING* to sing the hymn.

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;**

re - ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the mosthigh, Je - sus Christ

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

We remain standing and keep a short silence.

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All
Amen.

We *SIT* for

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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Ezekiel 47.1–2, 8–9,

A reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

In those days, the angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

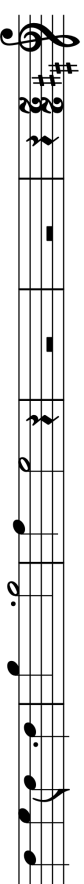
Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

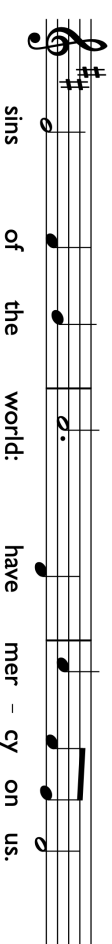
We *STAND* for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

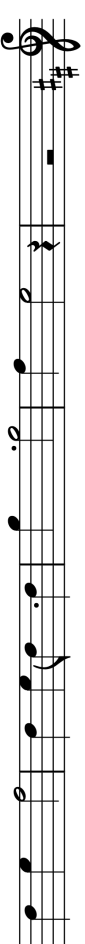
The president breaks the consecrated host as we sing,



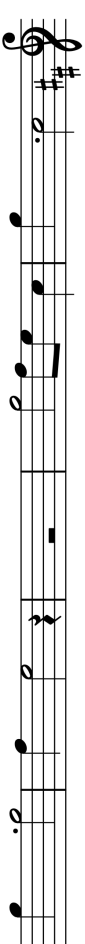
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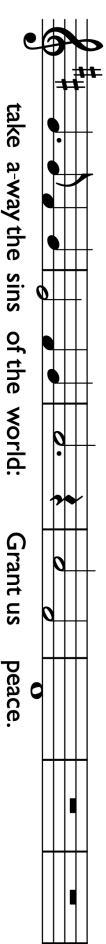
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

The president shows us the consecrated host, saying

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
Happy are they who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to pray:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Psalms 122.1 –

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All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John

All **Glory to you, O Lord!**

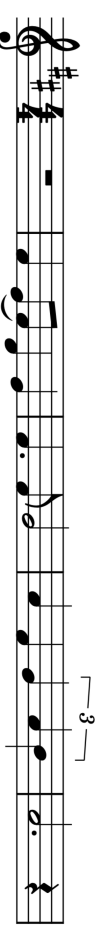
The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

We SIT for the Homily.

We sing the Sanctus & Benedictus



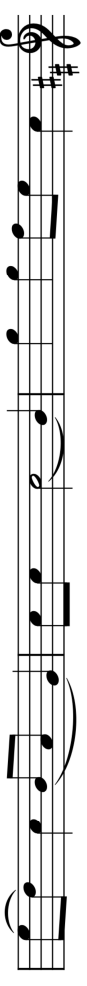
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



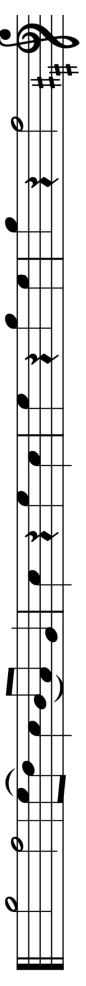
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na,



ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

The president recalls the last supper, and the following acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

The prayer continues and concludes



all honour and glory be yours, al-migh-ty Fa-ther,



for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

We STAND for

THE CREED

President We believe in one God,

All 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,

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,

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you **R** and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **R** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R It is right to give thanks and praise.

President

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.
We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage.
Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.
Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,
with angels in joyful assembly,
with all whose names are written in heaven
and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we lift our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

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.

*We remain **STANDING** for*

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

After each bidding

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end, we keep a short silence, after which

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*We **STAND** for*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of this church, as we sing the hymn.

The altar, the president, and the people of God are greeted with incense.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us Your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.***

Christ, be our light, shine in your church gathered today.

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light... etc.

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light... etc.

Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

INVITATION TO PRAYER

President Pray, dear friends, that my sacrifice and yours
May be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All **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 Holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

President Accept, we pray, O Lord,
the offering made here
and grant that by it those who seek your favour
may receive in this place
the grace of the Sacraments
and an answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**