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Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor Organist: Mr Ian Bhullar



9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17th AUGUST 2025

THE PARISH MASS SUNG 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne Hymns in NEH (green book) Please join in with the Bold Type

¶ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The first movement of worship is to leave our homes and come to church. This is an act of faith because we come to church to meet Christ. The experience of worship is enhanced by being in church early. This provides a time of transition to free our minds from the distractions of the world and, as Psalm 46 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." We pray that God will reveal himself to you in a new way today.

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Cf. Psalm 84: 10-11

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Processional Hymn: 359

Fight the good fight (Tune: Duke Street)

The Greeting

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.

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. Amen.

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (23: 23-29)

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 82

R. / Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

- God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods: ² 'How long will you judge unjustly,
- and show favour to the wicked? R. /
- ³ 'Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. R. /
- ⁵ 'They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;
- all the foundations of the earth are shaken. R. / 6 'Now I say to you, "You are gods,
- and all of you children of the Most High; ⁷ "Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own. R. /

Second Reading from the New Testament A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11: 29 - 12: 2)

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. 12: 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to lesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia 🎜 The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A ♣ reading from the ♣ Holy Gospel according to ♣ Luke (12: 49-56)

Glory to you, O Lord.

lesus said to his disciples: 49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' 54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

> The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Stand

Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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, t) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise

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 age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For Stephen our archbishop, Christopher our bishop, his assistant, Alastair, Fr Paul our parish priest, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Intercessor 3

For all peoples and their leaders, and for peace and justice in the world. We pray especially for (Celebrant adds...) let us pray to the Lord.

For the diverse communities that make up the Deptford community, for every city, town and village, and for all the people who live within them, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 5

For good weather, abundant harvests for all to share, and for the care and conservation of the planet and all its creatures, let us pray to the Lord.

For all people in distress and all places of distress; the sick and the suffering, workers, travellers and refugees, prisoners and captives, victims of crime, and for their safety, health and salvation. We remember especially (Celebrant reads the names...) let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor 7

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need, and for the absolution of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. Celebrant

We remember those who have gone before us

in the peace of Christ, especially..

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time especially...

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: Hail Mary...

- S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Pray for us.
- S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron,
- S. Joseph of Nazareth,
- S. Augustine & S. Monica, S. Benedict & S. Scholastica, S. Francis & S. Clare of Assisi,
- S. Claire of Montefalco,
- S. Bernard of Clairvaux,
- S. Rose of Lima, All you angels and saints.

Merciful God

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

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 134

The head that once was crowned with thorns (Tune: St Magnus)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that 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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise. Here follows the Preface in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,

to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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.

The celebrant adds:

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 distress as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, 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 always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those immediately around us, a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.

Agnus Dei

during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten, placing a small piece in the chalice.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of 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.

Communion Antiphon

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven', says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.'

S. John 6: 51-52

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies Amen.

and then receives.

* At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion *

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aguinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE IESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

The Communion Hymn: 431

O thou who camest from above (Tune: Hereford)

The Examen: A Daily Prayer

by S. Ignatius of Loyola SJ (c. 23 October 1491–31 July 1556)

S. Ignatius Loyola's Examen is an opportunity for peaceful daily reflective prayer. It invites us to find the movement of God in all the people and events of our day. The Examen is simply a set of introspective prompts for you to follow or adapt to your own character and spirit.

Begin with a pause and a slow, deep breath or two.

Place yourself in God's presence.

Give thanks for God's great love for you.

Thanksgiving

What am I especially grateful for in the past day... The gift of another day ... The love and support I have received ... The courage I have mustered ... An event that took place today ...

I am about to review my day; I ask for the light to know God and to know myself as God sees me.

Review

Where have I felt true joy today?

What has troubled me today?

What has challenged me today?

Where and when did I pause today?

Have I noticed God's presence in any of this?

Reflect on what you did, said, or thought in those instances. Were you drawing closer to God, or further away?

Response

In light of my review, what is my response to the God of my life?

A Look Ahead

As I look ahead, what comes to mind?

With what spirit do I want to enter tomorrow?

Think of how you might collaborate more effectively with the Reign of God. Be specific and conclude with the "Our Father."

A Militant Work of Love.

"Universality is a line that cuts universally and this is, how shall I put it, absolutely unique in Christianity and this is what we are losing with these gnostic wisdoms and even with political correctness, tolerance, and so on, because the notion of truth there is not that of a fighting truth but that of differences, space open for everything. This notion of truth as painful, truth means you cut a line of difference . . . which is why for me, as I claim, you know that mysterious statement of Christ's 'I came here not to bring peace but a sword''— I don't think this should be read as "kill the bad guys." It is a militant work of love."

https://www.lacan.com/zizpaul.htm

'In short, the wager of Western thought is that radical negativity (whose first and immediate expression is egalitarian terror) is not condemned to being expressed in short ecstatic outbursts after which things are returned to normal. On the contrary, radical negativity, as the undermining of every traditional hierarchy, has the potential to articulate itself in a positive order within which it acquires the stability of a new form of life. Such is the meaning of the Holy Spirit in Christianity: faith can not only be expressed in, but also exists as, the collective of believers. And this faith is itself based on "terror," as indicated by Christ's insistence that he brings a sword, not peace, that whoever does not hate his father and mother is not a true follower, and so on. The content of this terror thus involves the rejection of all traditional hierarchical and community ties, with the wager that a different collective link is possible—an egalitarian bond between believers connected by agape as political love."

https://www.lacan.com/symptom12/why-the.html

Slavoj Žižek (b.1949), Slovenian philosopher and cultural critic

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Holy Father. who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new age where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every tribe, language and nation, to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

The Blessing Stand

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn: 475

Ye holy angels bright (Tune: Darwall's 148th)

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;

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.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour 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 we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

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THE KALENDAR

9th after Trinity & 20th Week of Ordinary Time 17th to 23rd August 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 17th, MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 6pm

MON, 18th, Feria.,

No Public Liturgies

TUES, 19th, S. John Eudes,

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

WEDS, 20th, S. Bernard of Clairvaux,

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

THURS, 21st, Feria,

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

FRI, 22nd, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, SAT, 23rd, S Rose of Lima,

Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

24th AUGUST 2025

10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 6pm

THE NOTICES

Thelma, known as, Fay, Mitchell RIP

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Fay Mitchell, a long-term member of the S. Paul's congregation, on the 2nd August. We send our deepest condolences to her family and friends and assurance of our prayers.

We will share the funeral arrangements in due course. May Fay rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

is taking a break for the summer. Back in the Autumn. Date TBC.



Meets on Thursdays 8.30 - 10pm over Zoom. Further info and login details on the Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email. All welcome. We are currently reading and discussing: 'God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians

and the Making of the Bible' by Candida Moss (2024)

Church Cleaning & Preparation for Sunday Every Saturday after Mass until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work. In particular, that the faithful might give 5% of their Income to church where they attend.

E.g. If you earn:

£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.

£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week.

£20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.

£25000 a year, £480 a week= £25 a week.

£30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.

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Thank you for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade I Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

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