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Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor Organist: Ms Linda Pan

'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 24th AUGUST 2025

THE PARISH MASS SUNG 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne 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

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. Cf. Psalm 86: 1-3 Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Processional Hymn: 319

In Christ there is no east or west (Tune: St Stephen)

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

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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. Amen.

\P THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58: 9-14)

9 You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. 13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 103:1-8 R. / Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- and forget not all his benefits. R. /
- ³ He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; R. /
- ⁵ He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed. R. /
- ⁷ He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. R. /

Second Reading from **the New Testament**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (12: 18-29)

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to lesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

Alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. S. John 146 Alleluia The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A № reading from the № Holy Gospel according to № Luke (13: 22-30)

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. 23 Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. 25 Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27 But he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. 29 Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. 30 Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise)
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

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 I

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.

Intercessor 2

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.

Intercessor 4

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.

Intercessor 6

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.

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. Bartholomew, Apostle,
- S. Joseph of Nazareth,
- S. John the Baptist,
- S. Augustine & S. Monica, S. Benedict & S. Scholastica,
- S. Francis & S. Clare of Assisi,

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: 689

Thy hand, O God, has guided (Tune: Thornbury)

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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption, through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12: 28-29

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: 68

Be still my soul (Tune: Finlandia)

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."

Give to your Church, O God,

a bold vision and a daring charity,

a refreshed wisdom and a courteous understanding,

that the eternal message of your Son

may be acclaimed as the good news of the age;

through him who makes all things new,

even lesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Fr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND JUSTICE.

'The most certain historical datum about Jesus' life is that the concept which dominated his preaching, the reality which gave meaning and fullness to all his acts was the Kingdom of God."

Fr Jon Sobrino, SJ, Liberation Theologian (b. 1938)

'The incarnation is the irruption of God into human history: an incarnation into littleness and service in the midst of overbearing power exercised by the mighty of this world; an irruption that smells of the stable. The Son of God was born into a little people, a nation of little importance by comparison with the powers of the time. He took flesh among the poor in a marginal area -namely, Galilee; he lived with the poor and emerged from among them to inaugurate a kingdom of love and justice. That is why many have trouble recognizing him.'

Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP, The God of Life (1991)

(b. 8 June 1928 - 22 October 2024)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand The Blessing

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: 580

Rejoice, the Lord is King (Tune: Gopsal)

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.

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THE KALENDAR

10th after Trinity & 21st Week of Ordinary Time 24th to 30th August 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 24th, MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 6pm MON, 25th, Feria,, No Public Liturgies

TUES, 26th, Feria,

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

WEDS, 27th, S. Monica,

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm

THURS, 28th, S. Augustine of Hippo, FRI, 29th, Beheading of S. John the Baptist,

SAT, 30th, of the BVM,

Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm

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

31st AUGUST 2025

I Ith 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 Fay's 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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