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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.

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



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor

Organist: Ms Linda Pan



**2nd SUNDAY
BEFORE ADVENT
16th NOVEMBER 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

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place. Cf. Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, 14
Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 466

Thou whose almighty word (Tune: Moscow)

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;**

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

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

(Then they continue:)

**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.**

The Kyrie Eleison

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,
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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 Malachi (4: 1-2a)

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 98

**R. / The Lord comes to judge the earth
and the peoples with equity.**

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
² With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.
³ The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations. **R./**
⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. **R./**
⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. **R./**
⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. **R./**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Second Letter of S. Paul to the Thessalonians (3: 6-13)

⁶ We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** Stand erect and raise your heads

because your redemption is at hand. *S. Luke 21: 28* **Alleluia!** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Luke (21: 5-19)**

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' ⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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; 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

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom, saying, Father by your Spirit: **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor 1

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Father by your Spirit:

Intercessor 2

Send us to bring help to the destitute and freedom to the oppressed. Father by your Spirit:

Intercessor 3

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. We remember all who are in need including those whose names are written on our prayer board and also ... *(Celebrant adds the names...)*. Father by your Spirit:

Intercessor 4

Send us to those who mourn, to bring hope, joy and gladness instead of grief and despair. We pray for the recently departed, especially...

(Celebrant adds the names...)

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

(Celebrant adds the names...)

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

✠ May they rest in peace

and rise in glory.

Intercessor 5

Send us to proclaim in word and action that the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, to repent, and believe in the good news. Father by your Spirit:

Intercessor 6

Hasten the day when those who fear you in every nation will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Father by your Spirit:

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

Martyrs of UCA, El Salvador, *Bl. Ignacio Ellacuria* & Comps.

S. Hugh of Lincoln

S. Elizabeth of Hungary

S. Hilda of Whitby

Bl. Mechtild of Magdeburg

S. Edmund of East Anglia

S. Cecilia

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: 401

Light's abode, celestial Salem (Tune: Regent Square)

Orate Fratres

Remain standing

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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

S. Mark 11:23-24

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 Aquinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS 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: 378

Immortal love for ever full (Tune: Bishopthorpe)

Giorgio Agamben: The Coming Community

'THERE IS a well-known parable about the Kingdom of the Messiah that Walter Benjamin (who heard it from Gershom Scholem) recounted one evening to Ernst Bloch, who in turn transcribed it in *Spuren*: "A rabbi, a real cabalist, once said that in order to establish the reign of peace it is not necessary to destroy everything nor to begin a completely new world. It is sufficient to displace this cup or this bush or this stone just a little, and thus everything. But this small displacement is so difficult to achieve and its measure is so difficult to find that, with regard to the world, humans are incapable of it and it is necessary that the Messiah come." Benjamin's version of the story goes like this: "The *Hassidim* tell a story about the world to come that says everything there will be just as it is here. Just as our room is now, so it will be in the world to come; where our baby sleeps now, there too it will sleep in the other world. And the clothes we wear in this world, those too we will wear there. Everything will be as it is now, just a little different."

From, 'The Coming Community', Chapter XIII Halos, p57

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The Kingdom of God

"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 gospel is not concerned with implications but with redemption.

"However, while there is a widespread acceptance of the centrality of the Kingdom, many socially concerned Christians are 'implicationists'. They say the gospel has 'social implications'. I find 'implicationism' confusing theologically and unhelpful politically. It suggests that the gospel is about one thing but has implications for something else: for example that the gospel is really about individual salvation but has social implications. The implications seem to be secondary, derivative and, through a common logical jump, optional. I want to urge that the Kingdom of God is central, not peripheral, to the gospel, and that Kingdom and gospel are, at heart, about social reality and social relationships. We need to see ourselves as part of the process of recognition of, and co-operation with, this new social reality. In short, the gospel is not concerned with implications but with redemption."

Fr Kenneth Leech, 'Doing theology in Altab Ali Park', p214. (Darton, Longman and Todd, 2006)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Gracious Lord,

in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Lord bless you and keep you: **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you: **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace: **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn: 490

Judge eternal, throned in splendour (Tune: Rhuddlan)

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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∞ ∞ PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU
& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞

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THE KALENDAR

2nd before Advent & 33rd Week of Ord. Time
16th to 22nd November 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 16th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 5pm
MON, 17th, S. Hugh of Lincoln, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 18th, S. Elizabeth of Hungary, **9.15am Funeral of Dolly Baldwin**
EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 19th, S. Hilda of Whitby, Bl. Mechtilde of Magdeburg,
EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 20th, S. Edmund of East Anglia, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 21st, Presentation of the BVM, 6pm
SAT, 22nd, S. Cecilia, No Mass today, EP 6pm
➤ 21st AGM of the Society of Sacramental Socialists, 12pm – 3pm

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

23rd NOVEMBER 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

Dolly Baldwin RIP

**Funeral at S. Paul's this Tuesday, 18th November at 9.15am,
Committal at Grove Park Cemetery at 11am at 1pm.**

We send our deepest condolences to Dolly's family and friends and assurance
of our prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Volunteer sidespeople required from 8.30am please.

Preparation class, 2nd of 6, for First Holy Communion
continue after Parish Mass today, **16th November.**

(Baptised children from 7+. Parent/carer must also attend the classes)

First Holy Communion at Parish Mass 15th February 2026.

Please also let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in HOLY CONFIRMATION

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Meets some Thursdays, 8.30 - 10pm on Zoom.

Next date to be agreed. All welcome.

Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.
Open to ideas as to what we might read and discuss in 2026.

Church Cleaning on 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, and recommends that
members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **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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subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings,
or voluntary donations. **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 1 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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