

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



The Diocese of Southwark

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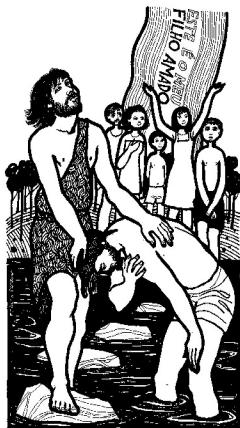
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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.

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



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

1st Sunday of Epiphany

11th January 2026

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

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

S. Matthew 3: 16-17

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

The Processional Hymn: 56

Songs of thankfulness and praise (Tune: St. Edmund)

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.

The 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

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 prophet Isaiah (42: 1-9)

Thus says the Lord: ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 29

**R. / The Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.**

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. **R. /**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendour. **R. /**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R. /**

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" **R. /**

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10: 34-43)

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,' ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. *S. Mark 9:6 Alleluia!* ♪

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

¶ A reading from the ¶ Holy Gospel according to ¶ Matthew (3: 13-17)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

The Homily

¶ RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Paschal Candle is lit.

*The celebrant and servers process to the Font,
Which he fills blessed baptismal water on arrival.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Congregation faces West

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Congregation faces East

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

The Apostles' Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
¶ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The celebrant sprinkles the congregation with holy water

¶ COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN LIFE

As a disciple of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed,
serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace,
honouring God in all Creation?

With the help of God, I will.

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task;
to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who calls us to pass from death to life saying:
Lord in your mercy, **R./ Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

For Stephen, our Archbishop, Christopher, our Bishop,
and Alastair his Assistant; our Parish Priest, Father Paul,
and all bishops, priests, deacons, religious,
and all your holy people. Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 2

For all catechumens who will be baptised and confirmed this year,
and all godparents and sponsors. Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 3

For all who seek Christ, and for the conversion of the whole human race. Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 4

For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world.
Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 5

For the people of Deptford, and every community with which members of the congregation and parish have a connection.
Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 6

For the safety, health and salvation of all travellers, workers,
prisoners and captives, and for the sick and suffering.

(Celebrant says: We pray especially for ...), Lord in your mercy. R./

*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. Joseph of Nazareth, Pray for us.

Holy Magi, S. John the Baptist

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron

S. Augustine and S. Monica, S. Benedict and S. Scholastica

S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi

S. Aelred of Rievaulx, S. Benedict Biscop, S. Hilary, S. Kentigern

S. Antony the Great, 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: 484

The Church's one foundation (Tune: Aurelia)

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

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Cf. S. John 1: 32, 34

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: 137

Come down, O Love divine (Tune: Down Ampney)

Epiphany Prayer at the Crib

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have revealed the incarnation of your Son
by the bright shining of a star, which led the Magi to offer costly
gifts in adoration. Let the star of your justice give light to our
hearts, that we may give as our treasure all that we possess
and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

May God the Father, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And may 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: 486

We have a gospel to proclaim (Tune: Fulda)

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

MASS & Other Service Times in church

1st WEEK of EPIPHANY - 11th to 17th January 2026

SUN, 11th,

MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm

No **LOW MASSES** this week.

Normal schedule returns from 25th January

WEDS, 14th, Feria,

Evening Prayer at 6.30pm

SAT, 17th, S. Antony of Egypt,

Morning Prayer at 10.00am

Evening Prayer at 6.00pm

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

18th JANUARY 2026

2nd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alun Ford, Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

First Holy Communion at Parish Mass
Sunday, 15th February 2026.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18th February 2026

marks the beginning of Lent.

7.30pm: SOLEMN CHORAL MASS
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Please bring in your **PALM CROSSES** from previous years and place them in the basket at the back of church so that they can be burned to make the ash for the Mass.

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

We will begin our discussion

of 'Transcendence for Beginners' by Clare Carlise, on Thursday, 29th January 8.30-10pm on Zoom.

All welcome. Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.

CHURCH CLEANING every Saturday after Mass/MP until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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