

# THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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*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**

Almighty God,  
 you have broken the tyranny of sin  
 and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
 whereby we call you Father:  
 give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
 that we and all creation may be brought  
 to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
 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 Jeremiah (20: 7-13)

Jeremiah cried out: 7 O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' 11 But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. 12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13 Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### Psalm: 69.8-20

**R. / In your great mercy, answer me, O God.**

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
 and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
 an alien to my mother's children. **R./**

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting,  
 but that was turned to my reproach. **R./**

12 I put on sack-cloth also, and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
 and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
 at the time you have set, O Lord: **R./**

15 'In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from  
 those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
 neither let the deep swallow me up;  
 do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **R./**

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
 in your great compassion, turn to me.

**Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.**  
 Please follow the directions of the Churchwardens & Welcomers.

### Please turn off mobile phones.

No form of visual or sound recording, or any form of photography is permitted during or after the services, without express permission. Thank you for your co-operation. WCs (& baby changing facilities) downstairs in the crypt.

**Do not attend** if you have Covid, symptoms, or a cold.

Please let a Welcomer know if you require a **Gluten Free Host.**  
 'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Mr Andrew Taylor & Mr Ian Bhullar  
 Organist: Ms Linda Pan



**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
 AFTER TRINITY  
 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2026**

**THE PARISH MASS  
 SUNG  
 10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.  
 Hymns in CAHON, (orange book)  
 Please join in with the Bold Type

## ¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Stand*

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge  
 for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord,  
 and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

*Cf. Ps 28 (27): 8-9*

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

### The Processional Hymn: 565

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Tune: Praise my soul)*

### 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.**

<sup>19</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>20</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.' **R./**

### **Second Reading from the New Testament**

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Romans (6: 1-11)

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Stand & turn to face the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation and Reading**

♫ **Alleluia!** The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify. *S. John 15:26b, 27a* **Alleluia!** ♫

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ **Matthew (10: 24-39)**  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: <sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

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*

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

*Intercessor 1*

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 Sarah 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.

*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. Joseph of Nazareth, **Pray for us.**

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. Thomas Aquinas and S. Catherine of Siena

S. Bonaventure and S. Angela of Foligno, S. Teresa of Ávila and S. John of the Cross

S. Alban, protomartyr of Britain, S. Etheldreda, S. Cyril of Alexandria

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: 572**

*Praise to the Holiest (Tune: Gerontius)*

*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, O Lord, the sacrifice of our conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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

I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord. *S. John 10: 11, 15*

*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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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: 249

*Great is thy faithfulness (Tune: Faithfulness)*

### Holiness and Prayer

"The creative channel of Grace in the world is the Church.  
There is no distinction between priest plus one,  
and priest plus two, sixty, or six thousand.  
Those who are worried over lack of support  
might substitute ascetic for arithmetic.

There is nothing so contagious as holiness,  
nothing more pervasive than prayer.

This is precisely what the traditional Church means by evangelism  
and what distinguishes it from recruitment."

*Fr Martin Thornton (1915-86)*

*from his book, 'Pastoral theology: A Reorientation' (1956), p.24.*

*Fr Thornton was an English Anglican priest, spiritual director, author and lecturer on  
ascetical theology. His "theology of the remnant" has been influential in Anglican  
circles. He was active for much of his life in the Diocese of Truro, England, serving  
10 years as the canon chancellor of Truro Cathedral. He died on 22 June 1986 and  
was buried at Crewkerne, Somerset. The epitaph on his tombstone is:*

*"The word of God his Rule / The Glory of God his Aim /  
And to God the Holy Trinity / was all his guiding."*

### A new configuration of faith, culture and politics

"If religious faith were to be released from the burden of furnishing  
social orders with a set of rationales for their existence, it might be  
free to rediscover its true purpose as a critique of all such politics.  
In this sense, its superfluity might prove its salvation. The New  
Testament has little or nothing to say of responsible citizenship. It is  
not a 'civilised' document at all. It shows no enthusiasm for social  
consensus. Since it holds that such values are imminently to pass  
away, it is not greatly taken with standards of civic excellence or  
codes of good conduct. What it adds to common-or-garden morality  
is not some supernatural support, but the grossly inconvenient news  
that our forms of life must undergo radical dissolution if they are to  
be reborn as just and compassionate communities. The sign of that  
dissolution is a solidarity with the poor and powerless. It is here that  
a new configuration of faith, culture and politics might be born."

**Terry Eagleton, 'Culture and the Death of God'**  
*Yale University Press, (2014) pp. 207-8*

## ¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

*Stand*

### Postcommunion Prayer

O God,  
whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

