

Deanery Service for Trinity Sunday Sunday 31st May



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Welcome

If you are a newcomer, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or welcomers. Leaflets giving information about our activities are available at the back of the church.

Children are very welcome at all our services. Please make use of the children's corner near the font. There is also Sunday Club for primary school aged children in the Parish Rooms.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Let one of the welcomers know as soon as you can if you need one.

A toilet is available at the back of the church.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from taking photographs.

Please stay for refreshments at the back of the church after the service

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The Gathering

We stand as the ministers enter during the opening hymn.

HYMN

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Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful mortal eye
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy,
there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r,
in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people
The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

The president gives the absolution
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis – *Mass of St Thomas (white leaflet)*

*All 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.
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.
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.
Amen.

The Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

We sit for the reading.

Isaiah 40 v 12-17, 27-31 read by Tony Vernon

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path

of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

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Father of heav'n, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy pard'ning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
to us thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before thy throne we sinners bend,
grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

Gospel Reading

We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The following heralds the Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28 v 16-20 read by Pete Gray

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

We stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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 world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession led by Ned Tozer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand for the Peace.

Peace to you from God our heavenly father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver,
The peace of the triune God be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) based on 1 Timothy 1:17

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

As the gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar the following prayers will be said.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.
All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

Sanctus & Benedictus – St Thomas Mass (white leaflet)

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel or sit.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary all
the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

*The Agnus Dei will be sung as the bread is broken
Mass of St Thomas (white leaflet)*

All **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.

If you take communion in your own church you are welcome to take communion here. Children and those who are not confirmed are invited to come for a blessing - please carry a service book to indicate this to the clergy. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to make your way forwards, please speak to one of the welcomers.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The president and people receive communion. Upon receiving communion the communicant replies.

Amen.

During communion, the choir will sing:
Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

HYMN

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Laudate Dominum,
laudate Dominum,
omnes gentes, alleluia. (Repeat)

or

*Sing praise and bless the Lord,
sing praise and bless the Lord,
peoples, nations, alleluia. (Repeat)*

Taizé Community, based on Scripture @ Ateliers et Presses de Taizé

Prayer after Communion

After a period of silence, the Post Communion prayer is said. A prayer of thanksgiving is then said

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

All **Father of all,**

**we give you thanks and praise, that when we were
still far off you met us in your Son and brought us
home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave
us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who
share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink
his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you
have set before us, so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Dismissal

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

We stand for the final hymn.

HYMN

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How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heav'n is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is ev'rywhere.

John Mason (c1645-1694)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers, choir & people depart.

Organ Voluntary: Power of Life

Takle