





**3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

## **Third Sunday after Trinity**

### **Thomas the Apostle**

*We welcome you to St Matthew's Church  
this morning and pray you are blessed as  
we worship the Lord together.*

*If you are with us for the first time please  
fill in one of our Welcome Cards.  
Thank you.*

*Please join in the words in **bold print**.*

*Don't forget to silence your mobile!*

*Our Celebrant and our Preacher is Revd  
Linda Fox.*

### **¶ The Gathering**

*We come from scattered lives to meet  
with God.*

*Let us recognize his presence with us.*

*Silence is kept.*

*As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.***

*We remain standing to pray together*

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

### **Invitation to confession**

*Jesus said to his apostles,  
'You are my friends if you obey my  
commands.'*

*Let us now confess our disobedience to  
him.*

*Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to  
be your friends:*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to  
go out and bear fruit:*

*Christ, have mercy.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to  
be your faithful witnesses:*

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy  
to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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**

*A period of silent prayer*

Almighty God,  
who built your Church upon the  
foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief  
cornerstone: so join us together in unity  
of spirit by their doctrine, that we may  
be made a holy temple acceptable to  
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.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word  
of God as it comes to us in the reading  
of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Habakkuk 2: 1-4*

I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say  
to me,  
and what he will answer concerning  
my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the  
appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 2: 19-22*

So then you are no longer strangers and  
aliens, but you are citizens with the  
saints and also members of the  
household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the  
foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the  
cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole

structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;<sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20: 24-29*

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and

my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we sing:

## **The Nicene 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,  
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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the**  
**sake of your Son, our Saviour,**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

### **The Peace**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and  
preached peace to those who were far  
off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,**  
**the power, the glory, the**  
**splendour,**  
**and the majesty;**  
**for everything in heaven**  
**and on earth is yours.**  
**All things come from you,**  
**and of your own do we give you.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer (E)**

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.**

It is indeed right and good  
that we should give you thanks, praise  
and glory, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For after his resurrection he sent out his  
apostles and evangelists to preach the  
gospel to all nations and lead us in the  
way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and  
resurrection you have set us  
free.  
You are the Saviour of the  
world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas, St Matthew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

**Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory  
are yours,  
O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who  
sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one  
bread.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus  
Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus  
died for you, and lives in you, and feed  
on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own  
righteousness,**

**but in your manifold and  
great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always  
to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious  
Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear  
Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be  
made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through  
his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore  
dwell in him and he in us.  
Amen.**

*Communicant members of any Christian  
Church are invited to receive Holy  
Communion. If you wish to receive a  
blessing please bow your head.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship, united in prayer and the  
breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord..

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your  
Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our  
souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**



**Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**



## **Notices**

### **¶ The Dismissal**

#### **The Blessing**

God, who has prepared for you a city  
with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that  
city;

and the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
upon you and remain with you, and all  
those whom you love and all those for  
whom you pray this day and  
for evermore.

**Amen.**

To him who is able to keep us from  
falling and to present us without blemish  
before the presence of his glory with  
rejoicing,

**to the only God, our Saviour  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion and  
authority, before all time and  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Please take this service sheet with you.*

So then you are no longer strangers and  
aliens, but you are citizens with the  
saints and also members of the  
household of God

*Ephesians 2: 19*

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