

St Thomas the Apostle, Finsbury Park

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18th September 2022



Please pray:

- For the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil: Naudal Alves Gomes (Primate of Brazil and Bishop of Curitiba)
- In this diocese: for St Andrew Whitehall Park, Steve Clarke (vicar) and the leadership team
- For neighbours in Plimsoll Road; for City and Islington College
- For His Majesty the King, and members of the Royal Family
- Birthdays: Jenny Maresh (18); Mary Martin (19); Philip Bernard-Carter; Harriet Warren (20); Rosemary Somoah, Alexander Byrne (21); Destiny Ansh, Eliza Flintoff (24)
- For Elizabeth Allen; Nadira Ali; Colette Corby; Briony; Roslyn Hastie-Murray; Carol Clarke and family; Christopher; Ray Pope; Ken Ware; Hilary and John Cassidy & family; Mavis Sewhcomar; Steva and John; Gemma Connell; Mags and Pat; Davies Mac-Iyalla and the IDNOWA; Andy; Anne Rose
- For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; Kay Bispham (18); Lucy Polgreen, Jim Thompson (19); Silvanus Berry (20); Les Pelteret (21); Hettie Musk, Charles Samuel (22); Brian Masters, Cornelius Halls (23); Ian Thompson (24) and all the faithful departed.

Welcome to St Thomas's! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the grey italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Opening Hymn

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,

O raise Thou me heav'nward,
great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 Confession

We are invited to call to mind our sins.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with
our whole heart.
We have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love
mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our
God.
Amen.

Absolution

*The celebrant prays for the forgiveness
of our sins, to which we respond:*

Amen.

The Collect

*We remain standing for the Collect, to
which we respond:*

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the
needy, and bring to ruin the poor of
the land, saying, 'When will the new
moon be over so that we may sell
grain; and the sabbath, so that we
may offer wheat for sale? We will
make the ephah small and the shekel
great, and practise deceit with false
balances, buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the
wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the
pride of Jacob: Surely I will never
forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

We sing the Response:

Praise the Lord, who raises the
poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore. R

High above all nations is the Lord,
above all the heavens God's glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, the
one enthroned on high,
who stoops from the heights to look
down, to look down upon heaven
and earth? R

From the dust God lifts up the
lowly,
from the dungheap God raises the
poor
to set them in the company of
rulers,
yes, with the rulers of the people.
R

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings should be made
for everyone, for kings and all who
are in high positions, so that we
may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and dignity. This is
right and is acceptable in the sight
of God our Saviour, who desires
everyone to be saved and to come
to the knowledge of the truth.
For there is one God;
there is also one mediator
between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for
all
—this was attested at the right
time. For this I was appointed a
herald and an apostle (I am telling
the truth, I am not lying), a teacher
of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich, but he became
poor for your sake,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to
Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples,
‘There was a rich man who had
a manager, and charges were
brought to him that this man was
squandering his property. So he
summoned him and said to him,
“What is this that I hear about
you? Give me an account of your
management, because you cannot be
my manager any longer.” Then the
manager said to himself, “What will
I do, now that my master is taking
the position away from me? I am
not strong enough to dig, and I am
ashamed to beg. I have decided what
to do so that, when I am dismissed
as manager, people may welcome me
into their homes.” So, summoning
his master’s debtors one by one, he
asked the first, “How much do you

owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the 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.

The Intercessions

*In the intercessions, we make this, or
another response:*

Lord, in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

The Peace

*Please remain standing as the
celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

Offertory Hymn

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed
unruly
Do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
Light and life and strength
belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
For the love of him alone,
Holy Church as he creation,
And her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,
With and through the angelic
hose,
To the God of earth and
heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, 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 holy Church. Amen.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we say the Sanctus and Benedictus:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the Highest.**

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends:

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

**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 Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

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.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold 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.

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please just bow your head as the priest comes to you.

Communion is available in both kinds. If you do not feel comfortable receiving from the common cup, it is perfectly valid to just receive the Host. If you would prefer to just receive in one kind, return to your seat before the chalice comes to you.

Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). This is not permitted.

Communion Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to
hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we
disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and
comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living
power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ
upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the
future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for
Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Post Communion

We stand and pray together:

Father in Heaven, whose
Church on earth is a sign
of your heavenly peace, an
image of the new and eternal
Jerusalem: grant to us in the
days of our pilgrimage that, fed
with the living bread of heaven
and united in
the body of your Son, we
may be the temple of your
presence, the place of your
glory on earth, and a sign
of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought
tidings to Mary:

and she conceived by the Holy
Spirit.

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

This Week

Tuesday 20th	<i>Feria</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21st	<i>St Matthew, Apostle</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer at St John's
7.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd	<i>Feria</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer at St John's
10am	Mass at St John's
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Teas at St Thomas's
7.30pm	Singing Group
Friday 23rd	<i>Feria</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer
6.30pm - 8.30pm	Craft Group
Sunday 25th	15th Sunday after Trinity
11.00am	Parish Communion
4.00pm	Messy Church

Notices

In line with Church of England guidance, our Parish Communion today will be one of Requiem as we pray for the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

The church porch will be open all week for private prayer and to sign the book of condolence. We will be holding a special **Commemoration Service** at 5pm next Sunday evening.

Our new **Messy Church** begins next Sunday, 25th September from 4pm - 6pm. If you have any packaging waiting at home, please remember to bring it with you next week. We are looking for somebody who could help to warm up the meal while the activities are going on. If you can help, please let Mthr Alice know.

Forms are available from Anne and Heather throughout September if you would like to add a name to the **Book of Remembrance** in time for All Souls Day. One separate form for each name please, at £5 each.

A couple of dates for further ahead in your diaries. We'll be celebrating our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday, 2nd October, and our **Dedication Festival** at 6pm on Sunday 9th October.

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