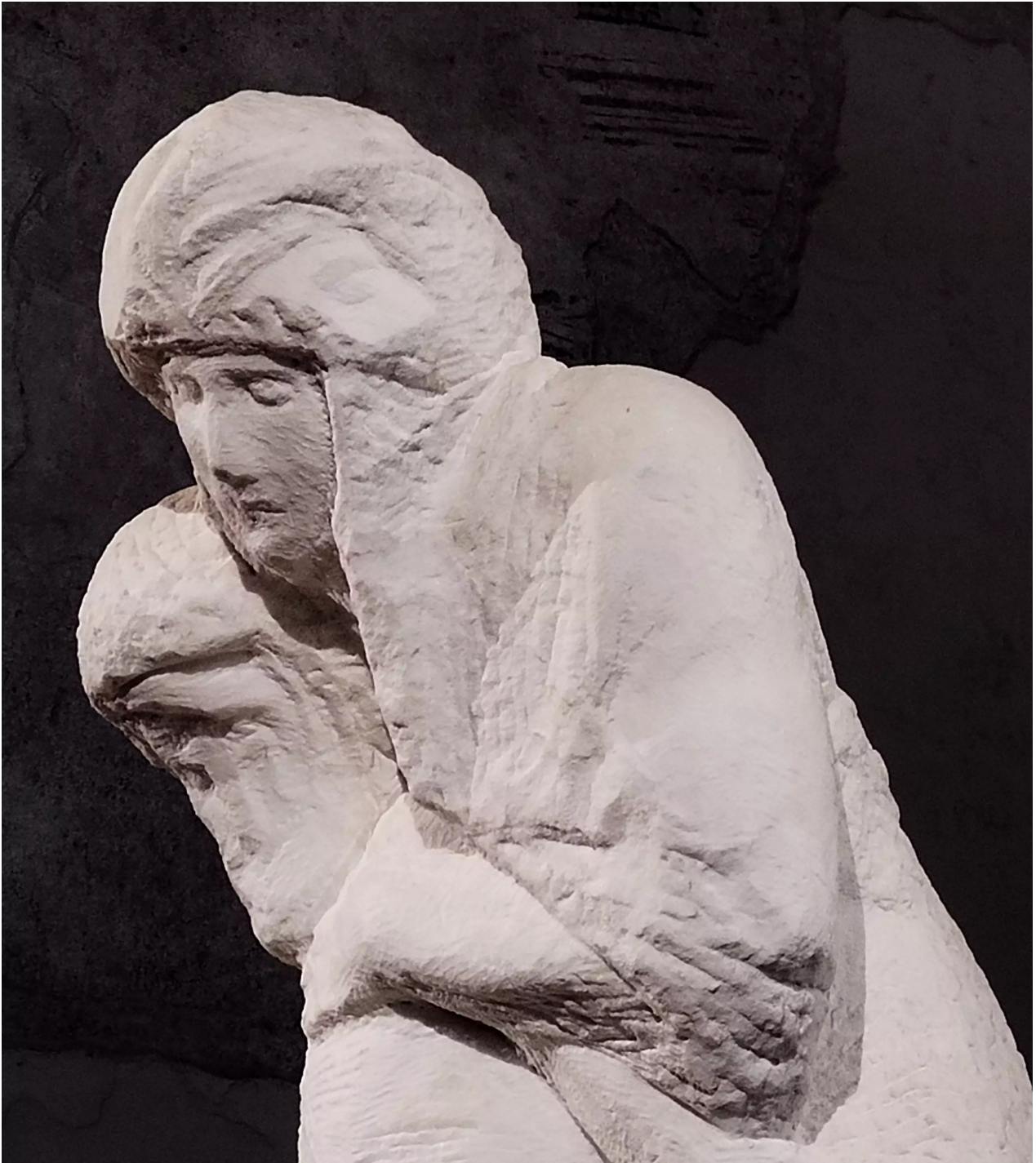


ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FINSBURY PARK



the **TWELFTH SUNDAY** *after* **TRINITY**

23 August 2026

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Michaelangelo

Today's mass is offered in particular for:

- Emma, acting Bishop of London; Rod, Bishop of Stepney; The Church of West Africa and Cyril, their Primate.
- Those with birthdays this week: Emma Dummett (26); Susan Malcolm (27).
- Those sick/in need: Christopher; Simon; Salima & family; Afsoon; Anatol; Nina; Michael & Jayne Ashton; June Hamlet; Corinne Urqhart; Ken; Sebastian; Veronica; Hyacinth; Sacha Marson; André Frantz; Kirsty Maclean; Lynne; Jacob; Bob Gilbert; Eric; Delphine; Stan; Peter; Jimmy; Nadira Ali; Zara Ali; Abigail & Family; Helen; Linda.
- Anniversaries of death: Philip Burrows, John Spice (26); Thomas Rabbatts (27); Bernard Emerson, Gladys Coles, Olga Amsterdamska-Moore, Maisie Spencer (28); Wiecheslaw Bakirtas (29).

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Welcome to Mass at St Thomas's!

We are delighted that you have chosen to be with us today. Please stay for refreshments after Mass if you are able.

This sheet has everything you need to follow what's going on.

- *The text in italics* gives instructions
- The text in normal type is spoken by one of the ministers or a member of the congregation
- **The text in bold** is said together by everyone.

We love having children with us and expect them to be children! Don't worry if they make a noise or run around. Our Sunday School is on it's summer break, but there are activity sheets and colouring pens at the back of church.

Children should be accompanied to the toilet by their parent/carer.

The church is fitted with a hearing loop.

St Thomas's is a proud member of *Inclusive Church* and the *A Rocha Eco Church* scheme as part of our commitment to building God's kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace. To find out more, visit inclusive-church.org and arocha.org.uk.

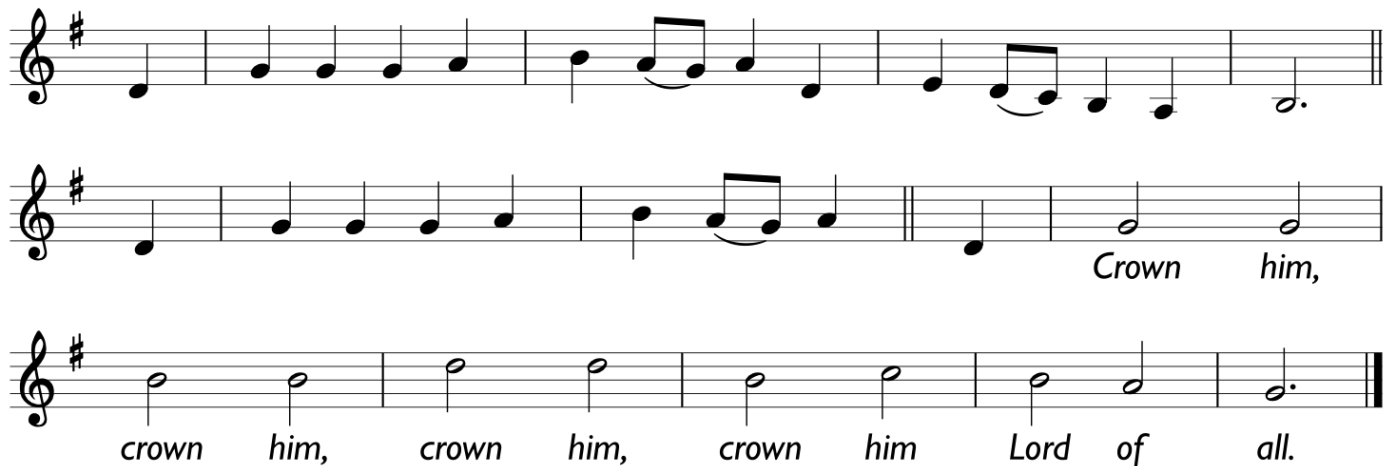


THE GATHERING

INTROIT

When the bell rings, we STAND to sing the hymn.

MILES LANE



**All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David 'Lord' did call;
the God incarnate, man divine,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

Edward Perronet (1726–92)

WELCOME

President ✕ In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

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

PENITENTIAL RITE

President Dear Friends,
this water will be used to remind us of our Baptism.
Let us ask God to bless it
and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

The president blesses the water

God our Father, your gift of water
brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.
Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health, through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The president sprinkles us as we sing

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Come flow-ing wa-ters pure and clear, God's Ho-ly Spi-rit bring-ing
near, Let us praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Join each to each in peace and
love with life you give us from a - bove. O - Praise him!
O - Praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

President May the God of love and power
✠ forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Thorne, Mass of St Thomas

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score consists of seven lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est! Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Lord Je- sus Christ, Only Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.'

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Lord Je- sus Christ, Only Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest. For you alone are the

Ho-ly One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

We remain standing and keep a short silence.

Almighty and everlasting God,
 you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
 and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
 pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
 forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
 and giving us those good things
 which we are not worthy to ask
 but through the merits and mediation
 of 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.

All **A-men.**

We *SIT*.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51.1–6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We *STAND* to sing.

O WALY WALY



**With all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song;
angels shall hear the notes I raise,
approve the song, and join the praise.**

**I cried to you when troubles rose;
you heard me, and subdued my foes;
my fears dispersed through your control,
and strength diffused through all my soul.**

**Grace will complete what grace begins,
to save from sorrows and from sins;
Work that your wisdom undertakes
eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.**

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

*We remain **STANDING**.*



Cantor Al-le lu-ia, al__ le-lu-ia,__ al-le__ lu__ ia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Cantor The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Deacon The Lord be with you



And also with you

Deacon ✕ Hear the Gospel of our ✕ Lord Jesus Christ
✕ according to Matthew

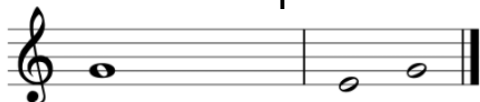


All **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



All **Praise to you, O Christ!**

As the procession returns, all sing again



We sit for

THE HOMILY

After the homily, we keep a long silence for reflection.

We STAND with the president.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

President Let us affirm the faith of the Church
in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

If you are able, please remain STANDING. Otherwise, you are welcome to sit or kneel as you feel comfortable.

After each bidding

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end, we say

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President God is love, and those who live in love, live in God,
and God lives in them.

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of this church, as we sing the hymn.

The bread and wine, the president, and the people of God are greeted with incense.

ST HELEN



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia!
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain —
Alleluia, alleluia! —
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died —
Alleluia, alleluia! —
risen, ascended, glorified!**

G.H. Bourne (1840–1925)

President **Pray, dear friends, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.**

All **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.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

President Let us pray.

Merciful Lord,
may this holy offering bring us your blessing
and accomplish within us
its promise of salvation.
through Christ our Lord.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you



President Lift up your hearts.



President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



President Blessed are you,
Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

We sing the Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

At the sound of the bells, we KNEEL or sit.

We recall Jesus' saving love and his offering of himself at the last supper.

President Great is the mystery of Faith!

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

The Holy Sacrifice is offered to the glory of God, for the Church and the world, and those for whom we have prayed, as the concelebrants invoke the Holy Spirit.

The prayer concludes,

... in songs of everlasting praise:

All

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of eighth notes: B, l, e, s, s, i, n, g, a, n, d, h, o, n, o, u, r, a, n, d, g, l, o, r, y, a, n, d, p, o, w, e, r. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a series of eighth notes: b, e, y, o, u, r, s, f, o, r, e, v, e, r, a, n, d, e, v, e, r, A, m, e, n. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r
be yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men!

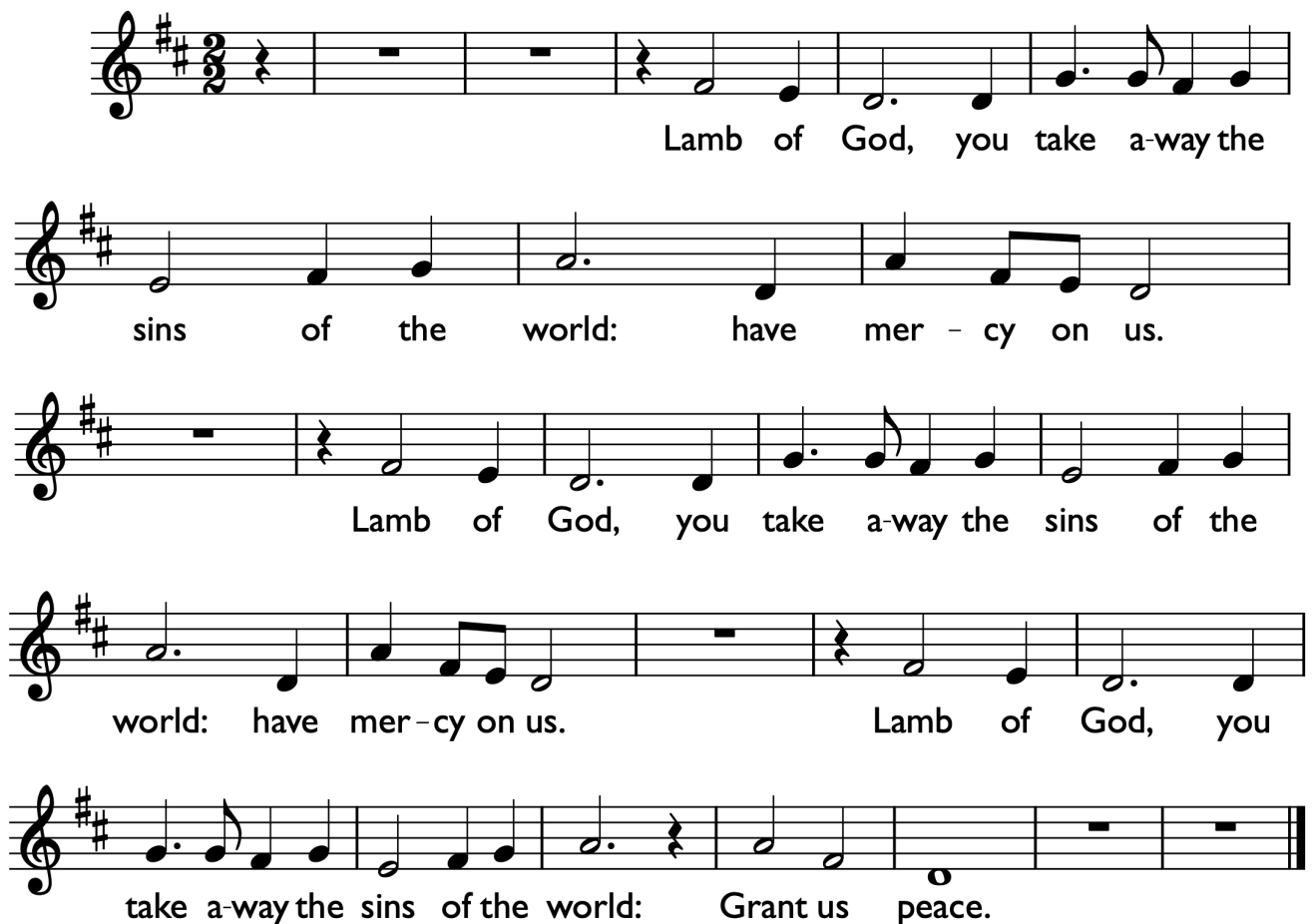
COMMUNION RITE

President Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we are bold to say:

We STAND to pray.

**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.**

The president breaks the consecrated host as we remain standing to sing



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

The president shows us the consecrated host, saying

✠ This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
happy are they 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 invites us to communion, saying

The earth is full of the fruit of your works, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer our hearts.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion at St Thomas's. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest.

After communion, we remain *SITTING* to sing the hymn.

Let your li - ving wa - ter flow o - ver my soul.

Let your Ho - ly Spirit come and take con - trol of

ev - ry sit - u - a - tion that has trou - bled my mind.

All my cares and bur - dens on to you I roll.

Chorus

Je - sus! Je - sus!
Fa - ther! Fa - ther!
Spi - rit! Spi - rit!

Je - sus!
ther!
rit!

2. **Give your life to Jesus, let Him fill your soul,
let Him take you in His arms and make you whole,
as you give your life to Him, He'll set you free,
you will live and reign with Him eternally.**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Father, Father, Father! Spirit, Spirit, Spirit!

3. **Come now Holy Spirit and take control,
hold me in your loving arms and make me whole,
wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride,
draw me to your love and keep me by your side.**

Jesus!... etc.

John Wimber (1934–97)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

We STAND and pray together

**God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We SIT for the notices.

THE SENDING OUT

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

President Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;

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

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the Peace of Christ.



As the procession moves to the statue of Our Lady, we sing

Je-sus is Lord! Cre - a - tion's voice pro - claims it, for by his pow'r
each tree and flow'r was planned and made. Je-sus is Lord! The
u - ni - verse de - clares it; sun, moon, and stars in hea-ven cry Je-sus is
refrain
Lord! Je - sus is Lord! Je - sus is Lord!
Praise him with al - le - lu - ias, for Je - sus is Lord!

- 2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.**

Refrain

- 3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.**

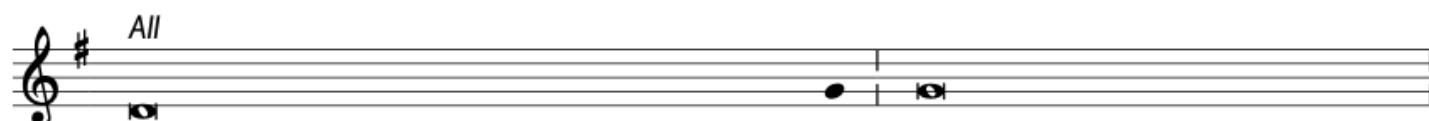
Refrain

David Mansell (1936–2020)

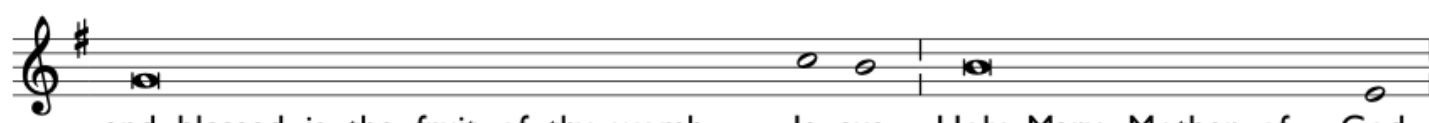
ANGELUS



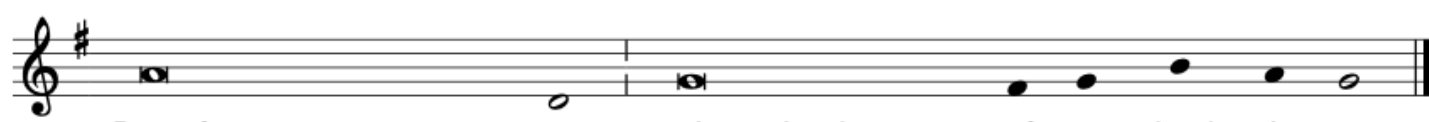
The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Ma- ry, and she conceived by the Ho-ly Ghost.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee blessed art thou among women,



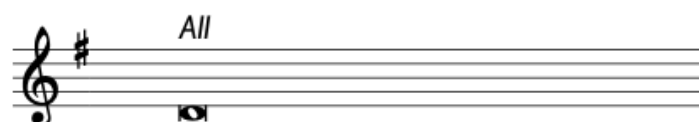
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je-sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,



Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men



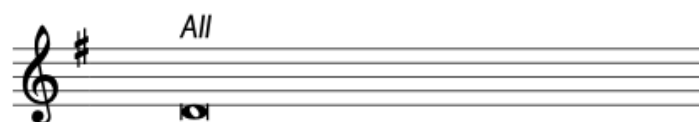
Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me ac - cord-ing to thy word.



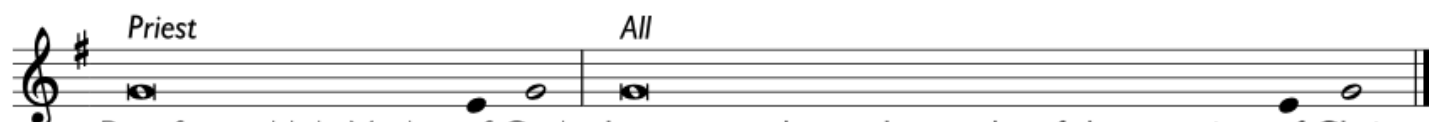
Hail Mary full of grace...



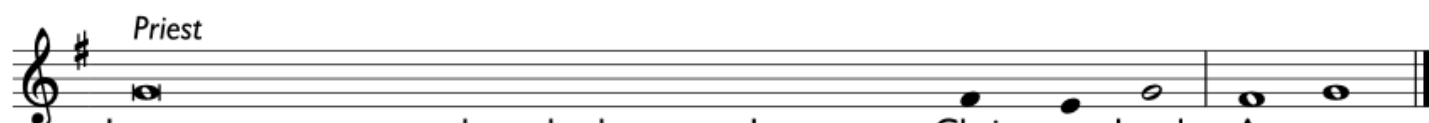
And the Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us



Hail Mary full of grace...



Pray for us, Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Let us pray. ... through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. A - men.

SERVICE TIMES

We would be delighted to welcome you to worship with us during the week.

Sunday Masses

9am @ St John's 11am @ St Thomas's

Weekday Masses *a quiet, half hour said service*

7pm Wednesday @ St Thomas's 10am Thursday @ St John's

Morning & Evening Prayer *15 minutes of prayer, scripture, and silence.*

Monday to Thursday 8am & 6pm @ St Thomas's

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (confession) and the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** are available by appointment with Fr Stephen or Fr Robert.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Open Church @ St Thomas's 5–7pm

Thursday Renew N4 @ St John's 10.30–12.30
*a place where it's okay not to be okay, with refreshments, crafts,
conversation, and space for reflection.*

Tea @ St Thomas's 2–4pm
tea, homemade cakes and fellowship for all ages.

Friday Craft Group @ St Thomas's 6.30–8.30pm

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday Night Movies begins again on Monday 7 September – watch this space!

Church cleaning! Saturday 12 September, 10am.

*We are supporting the Bets off Blackstock campaign to stop a 24hr gambling centre opening on the Blackstock Rd. Please visit **betsoffblackstock.org** to learn more and sign up if you feel able.*

**Please use the QR code
to keep in touch and find out more!**

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