

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world; Lamb of  
 10 God, you take a - way he sins of the world. Mis - e - re - re  
 19 no - bis, Mis - e - re - re no - bis. Lamb of  
 26 God, O lamb of God, Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Priest and Eucharistic Ministers receive the Holy Communion, followed by those in choir and the people, beginning with those seated at the front of the Nave. All who normally do so in their own Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to approach the altar to receive a blessing, carrying this booklet in their hands as an indication to the Priest.

The **Hymn During Communion** is followed by the **Communion Motet**

### Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

**All 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.**

*The Notices, and Sunday School presentation may be given*

### The Final Hymn

#### The Dismissal

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.' So may the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, and the blessing of God almighty ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Mass Setting is from Schubert's *German Mass*. *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000. *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2006. CCL No: 154364. Cover Painting by John Hammant after Fra Angelico Photo by Stephen Brooks

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
 BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD  
 — DIOCESE OF —  
**LONDON**



# Parish Sung Eucharist for Advent

Welcome to St Thomas' Hamwell, part of the Diocese of London and a church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you are visiting us from another church, please make yourself known to the sidesmen or to one of the clergy after the service. Members of all Christian churches are welcome to share with us in this Eucharist – and those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to approach the altar at the time of Communion, to receive a blessing.



There is a loop system for the benefit of the hearing-impaired. Hearing aid users should switch their devices to 'T'.

*giftaid it* During the service a collection will be taken for the work of the church in this parish, as well as further afield. Please use the special envelopes in the chairs to maximise your giving through the 'Giftaid' scheme.

## The Gathering

2 minutes before the service begins a bell is rung for **silence**. Please use the quiet to prepare yourself to meet God in word and sacrament. During the silence the Choir, Servers and Priest will enter and move to the west end of the church. Please turn and face the west end of the church.

**The Advent Liturgy** will begin and details of this are in the Weekly Bulletin Sheet.

The Choir, Servers, Advent Candle Bearer/s, and Priest will then process up the central aisle as the

**First Hymn** is sung.

During this hymn the Advent candle/s is/are placed in the Wreath and Stand.

The priest may say

✠In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**.

## The Greeting

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you**.

**The Welcome** may be given here.

## Invitations to Confession

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

From 17 December until Christmas Eve

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

*cf John 1.23*

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone.**

**We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.**

**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past**

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

As we await the coming of our Saviour; let us pray with confidence as he 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread, and says:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

The priest says the invitation to 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 Prayer of Humble Access** is said

All **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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

**Amen.**

**The Agnus Dei** is sung.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

1. Hea ven and earth are full;  
2. Bless ed is he who comes

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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✠.  
Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat and drink this cup, we pro-claim your glo - ry, un-  
til you come a - gain, O Lord, you come a - gain in glo - ry.

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, St Thomas the Apostle and our Patron, and 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.

Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest says*  
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.  
**All Amen.**

### The Collect

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
Let us pray  
*The Collect is said, and all respond*  
**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament Reading

*At the end of each the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm *may follow*

### The New Testament Reading

*At the end of each the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### The Gradual Hymn

### The Gospel Reading

*The Gospel Acclamation heralds the Gospel reading*  
**All Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

### All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

### All And also with you

✠✠✠Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

### All Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### All Praise to you, O Christ.

### The Sermon

## The Creed

**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

*One of these responses may be used*

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*or*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The priest introduces the Peace using the propers for the day*

*From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*From 17 December until Christmas Eve*

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord 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.*

### The Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn the gifts of the people are carried to the altar and presented. Also the collection is taken to support our work, ministry and charitable giving.*

### Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

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 set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love;

make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

**All Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer *The priest sings*

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.**

*From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and singing:

*From 17 December until Christmas Eve*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise: