

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, virgin Mother of God, Joseph her spouse, 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. **All Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray **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** *Breaking the consecrated host, the priest says:* 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 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 Agnus Dei is played on the Organ followed by**

**Communion Antiphon:** *is sung.*

This is he of whom John said: behold the Lamb of God.

*After this, come forward to the Chancel Step (walking up the centre aisle) to receive Holy Communion (in one kind only). No accompanying words are given, but mediate on Christ's body. Then return via the North Aisle to your seat. Please keep a 2 meter gap!*

*During Holy Communion the Organ Voluntaries are played followed by the recorded Anthem by our choir.*

### Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit continue your work of salvation by our sharing in the sacraments. **All Amen.**

**The Notices are given followed by The Dismissal**

The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

May we who are baptised in Christ share his humanity, and come to share in his divinity;

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Silence as the Postlude is played.*

**Please exit by the Rear/North-West Door**

*Please note there is no cash collection at the Offertory. However, there will be a Card Reader by the entrance and Collection plate at the exit.*

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Evening Prayer 6.30pm  
Baptism of the Lord  
Psalm 47 p. 404  
Readings: Isa 42.1-9 & Eph 2.1-10

Public Mass: 12noon Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
other Services will be Live-Streamed.

17<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Epiphany 2  
10am Parish Mass  
*First Reading by Eileen Sinclair*  
*Second Reading by Daniel mason*  
*Intercessions led by Charlotte Carotenuto*  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

## IMPORTANT Food bank update

Because of the current Pandemic we need to continue to support the Foodbank, but because of its constraints please:

- leave your donations **at the Supermarket** where you bought the food or,
- if **ordering On-line**, Foodbank donations can be made there.
- Donations can be left in our Porches, but there may be a considerable delay in getting donations to the centres.
- Another alternative is to give **cash or cheque** to the **Foodbank (Trussell Trust)** and Nicole will pass it on.

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Baptism of the Lord  
Today's Services:  
10am Parish Mass  
6.30pm Evening Prayer



Welcome to St Thomas' Church, Boston Road!  
Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we forced to do things a little differently to protect all of us, especially the most potentially vulnerable. Therefore,

- Please observe 2 metre social distancing.
- Be guided by the sidesmen.
- Follow any instructions given by the priest.
- Masks must be worn.
- NO communal singing inc. hymns. Music will still feature and it aims to deepen our devotion and celebration, as we gather in this sacred space and rejoice in Christ's presence in word and sacrament.

**Organ Preludes are played followed by The Entrance processional played on St Thomas' Organ.**

**The Entrance Antiphon:** When the Lord had been baptized the heavens opened: And the Spirit rested on him like a dove.

*The pre-recorded Introit is then played*

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

The Lord be with you **All And also with you.**

**The Welcome followed by the Invitation to Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who made manifest divine love and grace. Let us confess our sins. *As a Kyrie played on the Organ recall and confess your sins silently. Together we respond:*

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

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 Gloria (Song of the Angels on the first Christmas Night) is said.**  
**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 is said.*

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **All Amen**

**Sit First Reading read by Nicholas Robinson Isaiah 42.1-4 & 6-7**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** *Afferte Domino*

<sup>1</sup> BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.  
<sup>3</sup> It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.  
<sup>4</sup> It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.  
<sup>6</sup> He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.  
<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.  
<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Glory to...*  
**Second Reading read by Gill Shaw Acts 10.34-38**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. This is the Word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as an Organ Fanfare heralds the Gospel*

The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

**All ✠✠✠Glory to you, O Lord.** (1.7-11)

<sup>1,7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 bow 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.**

*All sit for the Prayers of Intercession*

**The Peace**

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory the organ plays.*

**Offertory Prayer over the Gifts**

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever. **All Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you **All And also with you.**  
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**  
Father, all powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.  
Today you celebrated your new gift of baptism by signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your voice was heard from heaven and your Spirit was seen as a dove.  
There you revealed Jesus as your servant and the anointed one who brings good news of salvation to the poor.  
Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and the whole company of heaven, we join their unending hymn of praise, saying:  
**All 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.**

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