

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 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 sung

**Jesus Lamb of God have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

During Holy Communion S. Wesley 'Short Piece 2 in G Major from 12 Short pieces' is played on the Organ. Followed by the recorded Anthem 'Blessed are the pure in heart' by our choir.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you filled Paul the apostle with love for all the churches: may the sacrament we celebrate foster in us this love for all your people. **All Amen.**

The Notices are given followed by The Dismissal

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

Christ give you grace to follow his saints in faith, hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Postlude: S. Scheidt 'Modus ludendi pleno' is played on our organ.


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Watch out tomorrow for:

SAINT THOMAS



For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face (prosopon) of Jesus Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6

One impact of COVID is the wearing of Face Masks is now universal. In the Ancient Greek world the word for 'Face' or 'Mask' was *prospon*. However, this word meant more than physical appearance, it recognised that the true person lay beneath the mask. Hence, Christians adopted the word for Jesus, because beneath his human physical appearance he was also, in nature, truly divine.

The Pandemic has revealed the true nature of people beneath the masks, and here at St Thomas' we have many frontline workers. Therefore, over the next few weeks in a series of interviews Fr. Robert is looking under mask to see how faith and work reveal the nature of the person. Some interviews will be videoed others in the Trident.

PROSPON COVID FACES

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.

Conversion of St Paul Parish Mass

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The Entrance processional played on St Thomas' Organ J. S. Bach 'Durch Adams All ist Ganz Verderbt'. Followed by the Introit: 'Veni Creator' sung by St Thomas' Choir.

✠ 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 First Hymn

**He who would valiant be, 'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent To be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound - His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might, Though he with giants fight;
He will make good his right To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, Thou dost defend Us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim.**

Invitation to Confession

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived, but now we are alive together with Christ.

Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father, to whom we humbly confess our sins.

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 Kyrie is then sung

**All Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. 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 sung.
**Glory be to God in heaven, Songs of joy and peace we bring;
Thankful hearts and songs of raising
To creation's Lord we sing.
Lord we thank you: Lord we bless you:
Glory be to God our king.**

**Lamb of God who on your shoulders
Bore the load off this world's sin:
Only son of God the Father You have brought peace within.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Now your glorious reign begin.**

**You O Son of God are holy, You we praise with one accord:
None in heaven or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord:
With the Father And the Spirit, Ever worshipped and adored.**

The Collect is said.

God our Father, you taught the gospel to all the world through the preaching of Paul your apostle. May we who celebrate his conversion to the faith follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen**

First Reading read by Sara Spillett **Galatians 1.11-16a**

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

This is the Word of the Lord **All Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

¹ God be merciful unto us and bless us:

and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

² That thy way may be known upon earth:

thy saving health among all nations.

³ Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:

and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

⁷ God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory to the Father...

The Gospel Reading is heralded by the singing of:

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Many who are first will be last: and the last will be first. **Alleluia...**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All ✠✠✠Glory to you, O Lord. (19.27-30)

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" ²⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.

³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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 led by David Gilbert

The Peace is introduced. *Followed by:*

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 Hymn.

**A heavenly splendour from on high,
Am light too great for mortal eye,
Deprives the hunter of his prey
And turns his threatening wrath away.**

**In darkened eyes, and inward light,
Begins to shine upon his sight,
As in his heart he hears the calls
To follow, and surrender all.**

**The Christ, for sinners crucified
Whose risen power he had denied
Now claims his servant for his own,
And bids him make the gospel known.**

**Blest paul the covert of the Lord
May heaven's light to us afford
A blindness to the lures of sin,
That we with thee a crown may win.**

Offertory Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful Lord, may your Spirit who helped Paul the apostle to preach your power and glory fill us with the light of faith as we celebrate this holy Eucharist. **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.

You founded your Church on the apostles to stand firm for ever

as the sign on earth of your infinite holiness

and as the living gospel for all to hear.

With steadfast love we sing your unending praise:

as we join with the hosts of heaven in their triumphant song:

**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, 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.✠