

LIVESTREAMED BENEFICE EUCHARIST
ST THOMAS DAY 2023

First Hymn

The Preparation

President In the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The president greets the people.

President The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said and the eucharistic theme set out.

HARRIET Almighty God, to whom all hearts are
open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

HARRIET The saints were faithful unto death and
now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for
ever. As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and
weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

We confess our sins using either form A or form B.

Form A 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

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
All Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

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

The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen,

that we also may believe and so confess
Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading - read by Harriet

A reading from the book of Habakkuk

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament lesson read by Mary

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Patricia

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *John*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

at the end of the Gospel ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Patricia

After the sermon there is a period of silence.

The Affirmation of Faith

Form B: Affirmation of Faith

Minister of the Word Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
All We believe and trust in him.
Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All We believe and trust in him.
Minister Do you believe and trust
in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All We believe and trust in him.
Minister This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession – led by Liz

President Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us be thankful for God's goodness.

Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.

After each prayer is said:

Prayers are offered for

- *the Church of Christ*
- *Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority*
- *the local community*
- *those who suffer*
- *the communion of saints*

After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

President May the God of peace sanctify you: may
he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus
with his saints.

The peace of the Lord be always with
you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

President Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the
majesty; for everything in heaven
and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
President Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President And now we give you thanks
that your glory is revealed in *Thomas* and
in all the saints.
In their lives you have given us an example
of faithfulness to Christ. In their holiness
we find encouragement and hope.
In our communion with them
we share the unity of your kingdom.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels, praising you,
and *singing*:

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.

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread
and wine outpoured may be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and
said:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for
you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup

of wine. Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his
sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and
cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes, and
justice and mercy will be seen in all the
earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms, and bring us
with *Thomas* and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in
Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President 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.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

(or)

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

Invitation to Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion prayer is said.

ST THOMAS

President Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Notices – given by Jim

Final Prayer

HARRIET Father of all, we give you thanks
and praise, that when we were still far
off you met us in your Son
and brought us home. Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit
lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live
to praise your name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING
AND SENDING OUT

President The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

President God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and 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.

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn