

CHARLTON
ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Eucharist in Ordinary Time



WELCOME

Everyone is welcome at St Luke's and St Thomas's for the celebration of our Parish Eucharist. Here we

- gather and prepare to worship God
- confess the ways in which we have let God down
- receive God's forgiveness
- listen to Scripture and to God's word being broken open for us
- affirm what we believe
- pray for the church, the world, our community, those in need and the departed
- share Christ's Peace and make our offerings
- celebrate Holy Communion
- receive the bread and wine
- lift our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving
- pause in silence and stillness where God's presence is often felt most powerfully
- receive the blessing and are sent out to love and serve God

We hope that everyone who comes will encounter God here and leave with a desire to walk faithfully with Jesus, guided by the Spirit.

Children and young people are very precious to God and we are striving to reflect that truth in our church communities. In both our churches there are special arrangements for children. Please ask if you want to know more.

We want those taking part in our service to reflect our church communities. If you would like to read, sing, intercede, be a welcomer or serve at the altar, then please make that known to one of the clergy.

Jesus's love knows no bounds, and he has asked us to share the Good News outside our church circles. We want to grow our congregations; that means all of us having a 'culture of invitation' – being prepared to speak well of our church family and invite others to 'come and see'. St Luke's and St Thomas's are committed to all those who don't know God's great love for them – this is why we have a Mission Action Plan. More details about our vision, our mission, our values and priorities can be found in church.

We are in Ordinary Time: those months of the year when the church reflects on how God is present each and every day of our ordinary lives. The liturgical colour is green.

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Please stand.

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

The president greets the people and sets out the eucharistic theme.

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or) Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

*Minister of
the Word* **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

Minister of the Word God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith, firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

(or)

My sisters and brothers,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of
Christ in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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.**

Form B

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
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 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'. The Collect is said, and all respond

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

at the end of the reading ...

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

New Testament Reading

at the end of the reading ...

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

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
 We do not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes
 from the mouth of God.
 Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end of the Gospel ...

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

Sermon

Please sit. After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith

Please stand. The President chooses one of the following.

Form A **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

*The
Nicene
Creed* **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.**

Form B Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
Affirmation source of all being and life,
of Faith the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

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?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Form C Let us declare our faith in God.

*Affirmation
of Faith* **We believe in God the Father,**
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Please sit.

*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

Please stand.

President 'Where two or three are gathered together
in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'

(or)

We are the body of Christ.
In the one spirit we were all baptised
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

*During this hymn a collection is taken
for the life and mission of the Church,
and the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.*

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 be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh; as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us
on the cross; he put an end to death
by dying for us; and revealed
the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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:

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 St Luke and St Richard, St Thomas
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.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

**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.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**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 **Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

(or)

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

Prayer before Distribution

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood
of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we,
with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

*All who usually receive Holy Communion, in this church or another, are welcome to come to the altar now. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed and do not hold out your hands. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen**.*

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices

Final Prayer

*Minister of
the Word*

**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.**

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THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Please stand.

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

(or)

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit
in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell
in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn

Our worship is over: our service begins.

You are very welcome to stay for refreshments after the service. If you would like to introduce yourself or find out more about this church and its mission, please speak to one of the clergy or welcomers.

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ST THOMAS

Thomas, also called 'Didymus', which means 'the twin', was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to all four gospels, but it is in John that his significance is revealed. Thomas is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judaea with Jesus, and he asks the question that led Jesus to describe himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Probably most famously however, Thomas was the apostle who doubted reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Christ to show him the marks in his hands, feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel by saying to Jesus: 'My Lord and my God!' Traditionally, Thomas is believed to have travelled widely to preach the Gospel, reaching as far as present-day southern India; indeed, he is often regarded as the patron saint of India. Tradition has it that he was martyred there.

There has been Christian worship at St Thomas's, Old Charlton, since 1850.

ST LUKE

Luke was a dear friend of St Paul, and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' and as his only companion in prison. Luke is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament: the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ starts with the Nativity and goes through to his Death and Resurrection. Luke is commonly thought to have been a Gentile. He certainly makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of sex, social position or nationality.

Without Luke we would not have the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Rich Farmer, the Prodigal Son, or the Rich Man and Lazarus. Traditionally, Luke wrote his gospel in Greece and died at the age of 84.

There has been Christian worship on the site of St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton, since the early twelfth century.

ST RICHARD

Richard de Wych was born in 1197 and worked hard on his father's estate before going on to study at Oxford, Paris and Italy as a church lawyer. When he returned to England, he eventually became Bishop of Chichester. Richard was seen as a model diocesan bishop, moving round his diocese on foot, visiting and caring for his clergy and people, and being available to all who needed his ministry. He insisted that the sacraments be administered without payment and with a proper dignity. On a recruitment campaign for the Crusades, he fell ill at Dover and died there on 3 April 1253. His mortal remains were moved to Chichester. This famous prayer is attributed to him:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly. Amen.

There has been Christian worship on the site of St Richard's Church Centre since the late nineteenth century. St Luke's PCC is currently exploring possibilities for developing mission and a new Christian congregation there.



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OF ENGLAND