

# CHARLTON

ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

## Eucharist for Patronal Festivals



## 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. By tradition, 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.

# WELCOME

Everyone is welcome at St Luke's and St Thomas's for the celebration of our patronal festival, at which our congregations worship together. The liturgical colour is red. 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.

# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

*Please stand.*

## 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.**

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

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

**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*      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.**

*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.**

*All*              **Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*All*              **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'.*

## ST THOMAS

*President* 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.**

## ST LUKE

*President* Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit and through the  
wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your  
Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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

*Please sit.*

## Old Testament Reading

ST THOMAS: Habakkuk 2.1–4

ST LUKE: Isaiah 35.3–6 *or* Acts 16.6–12a

*at the end of the reading ...*

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

## New Testament Reading

ST THOMAS: Ephesians 2.19–22

ST LUKE: 2 Timothy 4.5–17

*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.  
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 *N*.  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

ST THOMAS: John 20.24–29

ST LUKE: Luke 10.1–9

*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 silence.*

## The Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand. The President chooses one of the following.*

*Form A: The Nicene 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.**

## *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.**

## *Form C: Affirmation of Faith*

*Minister* Let us declare our faith in God.

*All* **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*     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.

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

*President*     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* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

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

*All* **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 / Luke*  
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.**

*President*

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 / Luke* 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.**

*(or)*

*President*

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour 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.**

## **The Breaking of the 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*        **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.**

*(or)*

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

*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 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.**

### **ST LUKE**

*President* Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent  
Your Holy Spirit to the disciples with the wind  
from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness  
to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# 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.**

# THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

*Please stand.*

*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.**

## Recessional Hymn

Our worship is over: our service begins.

You are very welcome to 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.

Please leave this booklet behind,  
but take the weekly bulletin with you.



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OF ENGLAND