

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide

Thursday 21 December 2023

The Feast of St Thomas

AT 12 NOON, ANGELUS

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

Response: **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessèd art thou among women,

and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,

pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

Leader: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Response: **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary ...**

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.

Response: **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ... **Holy Mary ...**

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

Response: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel ; so by his Cross ✠ and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT 12.10, MASS

When cantors are present, they may sing parts of the Mass that are ordinarily sung.



**These things did Thomas count as real:
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,
the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.**

**May we, O God, by grace believe
and thus the risen Christ receive,
whose raw imprinted hands reached out
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

Thomas H. Troeger 945-2022

PREPARATION FOR MASS

The priest (and ministers) having entered, facing the altar and standing before the lowest altar step, and the faithful kneeling, make the Sign of the Cross.

Priest: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Psalm 43. Iudica me, Deus

Priest: Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Ministers: **For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?**

Priest: O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Ministers: **And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.**

Priest: Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Ministers: **O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ministers: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Priest: Our help is in the ✠ Name of the Lord.

Ministers: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

With hands joined, bowing, the priest says:

Priest: I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have

sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (*striking the breast three times, the priest continues:*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers: **Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.**

Priest: Amen.

The priest then stands upright, and the Ministers repeat:

Ministers: **I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (*all strike their breast three times, saying:*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, Father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution and remission of all our sins.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

Ministers: **That thy people may rejoice in thee.**

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Ministers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers: **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Ministers: **And with thy spirit.**

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Priest: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTROIT

Introit. Ps. 139, 17. Right dear are thy friends unto me, O God, and held in highest honour: their rule and governance is exceeding steadfast. *Ps. ibid. 1-2.* O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising. *Ps.* Glory be. As it was. *Repeat* Thus saith the Lord *as far as the Psalm.*

KYRIE

(1, 2, 3)
Ky - ri - e - le - i - son.

(4, 5, 6)
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

(7, 8)
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

(9)
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ; that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ: to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson from the epistle to the Ephesians.

Eph. 2, 19-22.

Brethren: Now ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Ps. 139, 17-18. Right dear are thy friends unto me, O God, and held in highest honour: their rule and governance is exceeding steadfast. *V̄.* If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V̄.* *Ps. 33, 1.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Alleluia.

The Continuation of the holy Gospel according to John.

John 20, 24-29.

At that time: Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A homily may be preached, or a pause for silent reflection observed.

THE INTERCESSION

Almighty and Everlasting God, we beseech thee that thou accept these our offering together with our prayers.

We beg thee that thou wouldest breathe upon thy Catholic Church the spirit of truth and concord.

Guard our King Charles, grant to us that we may be ruled under him as thou willest.

Heavenly Father, bless our bishop Geoffrey, our assistant bishop Denise, and all who shepherd the souls of your people, that they may preach thy word by their teaching and by their pure way of life.

Give grace to all thy people that they may serve thee truly all their days. Also, help those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or any other need (especially ...).

We beg thee also bless us who are here making remembrance of the glorious death of thy Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

And we give thee great thanks because thou hast shown us the power of thy grace in all thy Saints; especially in the glorious Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and our God; and in the Holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, Mary Magdalene our Patron, (the saint of the day,) and all thy holy people. We beg thee, Lord, that we may follow them, their faith and their obedience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Again Lord, we desire mercy for all thy servants who have departed from the world in the faith, (especially ...). Do thou grant them, we beseech thee, of thy mercy and everlasting peace, and do thou bring them, together with us, at the day of resurrection to the glory of thy Son.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of him, Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Ps. 19, 5. Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words unto the ends of the world.

Taking the paten with the bread, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this bread which we offer unto thee, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us the bread of life.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

Taking the chalice, the priest says:

BLESSED art thou, O Lord, God of all creation, for of thy bounty have we received this wine which we offer unto thee, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands: whence it shall become for us our spiritual drink.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

After the Priest has prepared the bread and wine for the Communion, the Priest says,

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

*Response: The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his name,
to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.*

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings,

We render unto thee, O Lord, this duty of our bounden service, humbly beseeching thee: that like as we do offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise in honour of the confession of thy blessed Apostle Thomas; so by his prayers that wouldest preserve in us the effectual gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Response: **It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE OF APOSTLES

It is very meet and right, just and for salvation, that we, O Lord, should humbly entreat thee, that thou, the everlasting Shepherd, do not forsake thy flock: but through thy blessed Apostles keep it by thy continual protection. That it may be governed by those same rulers, whom in thy stead thou hast appointed as shepherds of thy people. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praise thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. ✕ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins;
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, do celebrate, and set forth before thy Divine Majesty with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which he hath willed us to make, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which he hath procured unto us.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.



The response is said three times, all striking their breast.

When the bell rings, all those who are to receive Holy Communion come forward. Communion will be distributed in one kind only. Communicants should approach the celebrant in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

After Communion, silence may be kept, and the Antiphon is recited, if it has not already been said.

Communion Ant. John 20, 27. Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails: and be not faithless, but believing.

Then the priest standing, and the people kneeling, the priest says:

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed

company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then the priest says the Postcommunion Prayer:

Let us pray.

Assist us, O merciful God: and, at the intercession of thy blessed Apostle Thomas, continue towards us the gifts of thy loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

The peace of God, which passeth 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, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Priest: Go forth in peace.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him

was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**