

Sung Eucharist

**On the 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the
priesthood
of Fr Michael Miller
on the Feast of
St Thomas the Apostle
3rd July 2026**



**St Edmund the King Parish Church
Northwood Hills**

The Order of Eucharist

Processional Hymn (Tune Thaxted)

- 1 You faithful saints and martyrs
Who fought for truth and right,
We ask your prayers and
blessings
To aid us in our fight.
Your faith shall be our
watchword,
Your cause shall be our own -To
fight against oppression
Till it be overthrown.
Refrain
Lift up the people's banner
And let the ancient cry
For justice and for freedom
Re-echo to the sky.
- 2 In many a golden story,
On many a golden page,
The poets in their poems
Have sung the golden age,
The age of love and beauty,
The age of joy and peace,
When everyone lived gladly
And shared the earth's
increase.
Refrain
- 3 Today the tyrants triumph
And bind us for their gains,
But Jesus Christ our Saviour
Will free us from our chains,
And love, the only master,
Will strive with might and
greed,
Till might is right no longer,
And right is might indeed.
Refrain
- 4 God made the earth for
freedom
And God alone is Lord,
And we will win our birthright
By truth's eternal sword;
And all the powers of
darkness
And all the hosts of pride
Shall pass and be forgotten
For God is by our side.
Refrain

Introductory Rite

In the name of the † Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

And also with you

Penitential Rite

The deacon invites the people to confess their sins

After a brief silence all say:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen**

We Sing

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy**

The priest tells us we are forgiven and all respond

Amen

The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest



The Collect

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 after his example
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. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

Sit for the first reading

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the book Habakkuk (2.1-7)

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.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31

The choir will sing the response which is then repeated by everyone and again after each verse

Response

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.



In you oh Lord have I taken refuge;
Let me never be put to shame;
Deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
For you are my rock and my stronghold **R/**

Guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
Take Me Out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,
For you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth **R/**

New Testament Reading

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

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. (2.19-end)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

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| <p>1 For all your saints still active, For those whose work is done For saints with you in glory whose earthly race is run. You rose as King and Sovereign, that they the crown might wear, reserved for those who humbly your earthly pathway share</p> | <p>3 For Thomas we now thank you, who wanted you to prove That you indeed were risen The Lord of life and love. In all our human searching, inspire us with your grace, And even when we're doubting help us to see your face.</p> |
| <p>2 Apostles, prophets martyrs Who served you here on earth now reign with you in heaven singing your praise and worth. With them, and all who witness is known to you alone, Now share our earthly journey towards your heavenly throne</p> | <p>4 We praise you God our Father We worship Christ, your Son, We glorify your Spirit Forever three, yet one. On earth we see you dimly, In heaven face to face; And then with all who served you We'll praise you, God of grace.</p> |

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

All Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

You believe Thomas, because you can see me, says the Lord.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe

All Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Gospel Reading *(please remain standing)*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – The Right Reverend Michael Colclough

Intercessions

Please kneel if you are able

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The priest introduces the peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We share the Peace

Offertory Hymn

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| <p>1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour, first begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.</p> <p>2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving rev'rence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.</p> | <p>3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, Branch and Flow'r of Jesses Stem. Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.</p> <p>4 Paschal Lamb, thine off'ring, finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fulness undiminished shall for evermore remain.</p> |
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Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how

Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

5 Life-imparting heav'nly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

Preparation of the gifts

Pray my brothers and sisters that this, my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and Glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church

Jesus our Lord and God
After rising from the dead
You broke bread with your apostles:
Grant that in this holy sacrament
We may know your resurrection
Who are alive and reign now and for ever.
Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.**



The priest recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology

Priest Through him with him and in
him in the unity of the Holy
Spirit
All Glory and honour is yours Almighty Father
For ever and ever

All Amen

We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing

Amen

So shall it be for ever

Amen Amen

We lift our hearts and voices to you as we sing

Amen

So shall it be for ever Amen



**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

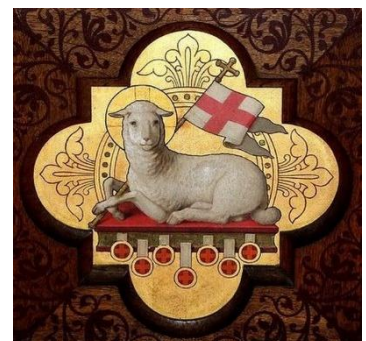
Agnus Dei

We sing

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



Behold 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.

Giving of Communion

Members of all Christian Churches who normally receive communion in their own Church are invited to come forward to receive communion, those who

have not been admitted to Holy Communion please also come forward for a blessing. Communion is offered in both kinds but you are free to receive in one kind only. If you do not wish to receive in both kinds please do not dip the Host into the wine

The Body of Christ **Amen**

The Blood of Christ **Amen**

During communion the choir will sing an Anthem

Then we all sing

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| <p>1 Sweet sacrament divine, hid in thy earthly home, lo! round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come; Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise, sweet sacrament divine.</p> | <p>3 Sweet sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar, within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore, save us, for still the tempest raves; save, lest we sink beneath the waves sweet sacrament of rest.</p> |
| <p>2 Sweet sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart, where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart, there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery, sweet sacrament of peace</p> | <p>4 Sweet sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee, in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty; sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may fade away, sweet sacrament divine</p> |

Prayer after Communion *Please kneel if you are able*

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
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. **Amen**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices *(please sit)*

Please stand to sing

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| 1 | I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? | 2 | I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to |
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*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the
night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my
heart*

them,
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord.....

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
'Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord.....

Blessing

(please stand)

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

**God give you grace to follow Thomas and all his saints
in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty + the
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with
you always
Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

The Altar Party move to the statue of our Lady
And we sing the Salve Regina

*Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.*

*Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;*

*Et Iesum, benedictum
nobis post hoc
O clemens, O pia, O*

*fructum ventris tui,
exsilium ostende.
dulcis Virgo Maria.*



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