ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
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22 November 2026

Christ the King

(The Sunday Next before Advent)

Parish Mass

Welcome to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Hanwell for our Parish Mass.
We hope you enjoy your time with us. Do join us for refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.
The hymns are in the Green New English Hymnal Books.
The Mass Setting for this Service is the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne.
Please do take this Service Booklet away with you for your own prayers and reflections this coming week.

The Gathering

The Processional Hymn 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King.

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Prayer of Preparation

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.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(cf St. Matthew 4. 17)

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.

The Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading
(Read by: Pauline Harrison)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them

from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord. (Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24)
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

1. **O come let us ' sing unto the ' Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the ' strength of ' our sal'vation.**
2. **Let us come before his ' presence with ' thanksgiving : and shew ourselves ' glad in ' him with ' psalms.**
3. **For the Lord is a ' great ' God : and a great ' King above ' all ' gods.**
4. **In his hand are all the ' corners • of the ' earth : and the strength of the ' hills is ' his ' also.**
5. **The sea is his and ' he ' made it : and his hands pre'pared the ' dry ' land.**
6. **O come let us worship and ' fall ' down : and kneel be'fore the ' Lord our ' Maker.**
7. **For he is the ' Lord our ' God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the ' sheep of ' his ' hand.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

(Psalm 95. 1-7 - Venite, exultemus)

The Second Reading
(Read by: Alan McDougall)

A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious

inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord. (Ephesians 1. 15-23)
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. : Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.'
(St. Luke 19. 38)

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠✠✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you O Lord.

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them,

"Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. (ST. Matthew 25. 31-46)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily

The Motet

'Wondrous Cross'
Music: P. Wilby (b. 1949) | Words: I. Watts (1674-1748)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an oof'r-ing far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Nicene Creed

**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.

The Prayers of Intercession

(Led by: Roger Grange)

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

(cf Colossians 3. 14, 15)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn 352 Crown him with many crowns.

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms. May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven..
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise, *singing:*

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.

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. ✠

Let us proclaim 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 Mary, Virgin Mother of God, S$^{T.}$ Thomas the Apostle and our Patron 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

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.

The Breaking of the 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.

The Agnus Dei

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

✠ 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.

Holy Communion is offered in both kinds, but you are free to receive in one kind only. If you wish to receive in both kinds, please do not dip (intinct) the Eucharistic wafers into the wine. If you are baptised and receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. You are welcome to receive a blessing instead of communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Communion Hymn Jesus Remember Me.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Prayers after Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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.

Parish Notices & Junior Church

Final Hymn 361 Christ triumphant, ever reigning.

1. **Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

2. **Word incarnate, truth revealing,**
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

3. **Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated,**
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

4. **Priestly King, enthroned forever**
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

5. **So, our hearts and voices raising**
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.

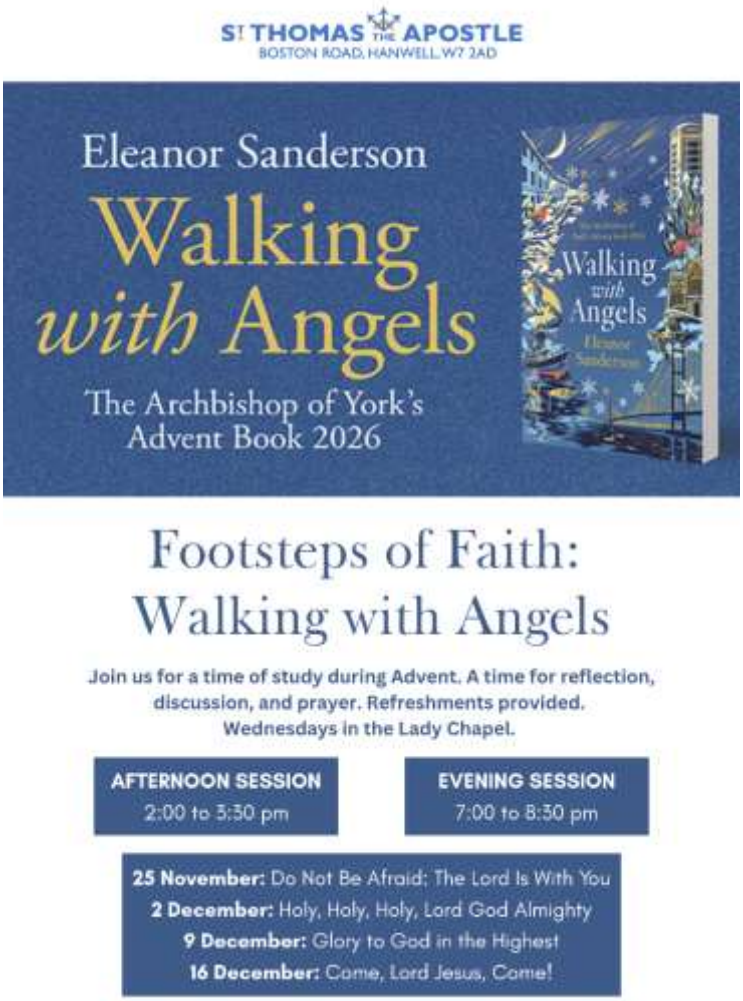
The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing; ✠ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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





6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: Stephen Brooks
Psalm(s): 93. The Epistle: 2. Sam. 23. 1-7. The Gospel: St. Matthew 28. 16-end.

Throughout the week, the Daily Office of Morning Prayer is observed in the Church.
Monday (9am - Live-streamed on Facebook) | Tuesday & Thursday (In Person – in the Children's Chapel)
Friday, Morning Prayer is at 8.30am (Live-streamed on Facebook)
All are warmly welcome to join us, whether in person or online.

Tuesday 24 November 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 22 November 2026: Parish Mass for the First Sunday Advent
Reader(s): Anne Ross & Steve Purcell | Intercessor(s): Eileen Sinclair | Chalice: Rev'd Nilesh Patel & Ivan Carter

WHATS ON AT ST THOMAS'

Footsteps of Faith: Walking with Angels Study Sessions Wednesdays 25 Nov, 2, 9 & 16 December 2pm or 7pm
Friday Prayer & Praise Sessions (During Term Time) from, 1.30pm in the Lady Chapel.
St. Thomas' Christmas Fair Saturday 28 November, from 1 - 4pm
Parish Mass on Advent Sunday Sunday 29 November, from 10am
Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter at St. Thomas' Sunday 29 November, 6, 13 & 20 December
Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share' Lunches 2 December
Christingle Service Sunday 6 December, from 4pm
Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday 13 December, from 6pm
Parish Mass on Fourth Sunday of Advent with Nativity by Junior Church Sunday 20 December, from 10am
St. Thomas' Christmas Eve Crib Service Thursday 24 December, from 4pm
Midnight Mass (The First Mass of Christmas) Thursday 24 December, from 11.30pm
Parish Mass on Christmas Day Friday 25 December, from 10am
Parish Mass & Votive for St. Stephen the Protomartyr Sunday 27 December, from 10am
Parish Mass for the Feast of Epiphany Sunday 3 January, from 10am (Celebrant & Preacher - Rev'd David Wang)

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