

# WORSHIP - 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 28 JUNE 2020

## Lighting of the Candle

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God  
So that in its flame we may love you with all our heart,  
With all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength,  
And our neighbours as ourselves,  
So that by keeping your commandments we may glorify you,  
The giver of all good gifts. Amen.



*Offer to God the good things in life - the joy of the summer (despite the rain), St Matthew's open this afternoon 2 to 4 for private prayer, for the building work continuing in St Edmund's. Julie and I had a traumatic day on Friday when Hannah phoned with a "Dad, I'm OK, but ..." having been involved in a road traffic collision in Leeds. The car's a write-off, but she's OK. Offer everything to God - and ask him to grant us Peace.*

**The Lord is my Shepherd, John Rutter** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUZTVSnLDN8>  
*as an oboist I feel a bit ashamed that this version doesn't film the person playing the oboe part*

We come together (wherever we are) as the family of God,  
believing in God whom we experience as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**A Trinity prayer in union with creation, Pope Francis** (so I make no apologies for repeating it this week)

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.  
God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.  
Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself,  
as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you! Amen.

**The Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity** is on the noticesheet on the website.

**Hymn - And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood** - a Songs of Praise production

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9wIP9Ahykc>

*This was often sung at the Baptist chapel we attended as children. My mum hated it!*

**Bible readings - Jeremiah 28.5-9, Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end**

*These are printed on the blue sheet, the Bible Readings and Prayers sheet, on the front page of the website (next to the noticesheet you can download).*

**Song - From heaven you came, helpless babe** - a Songs of Praise production

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VeQrWmvCms>

*This was a new song when I was a teenager in Barton Baptist chapel. My dad hated it!*

**Address** - you have sermons from me and from Clive. You can find them on the front page of the website

**The Nicene Creed** - we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')

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.

**Prayers of Intercession** - earlier in the week I was searching for a prayer of St Chad as I prepared for the funeral of Betty from St Matthew's, she had been a member of the community of Lichfield Cathedral for many years. I found these prayers produced by the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=180&v=4kq9ytiaGSA&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=180&v=4kq9ytiaGSA&feature=emb_title)

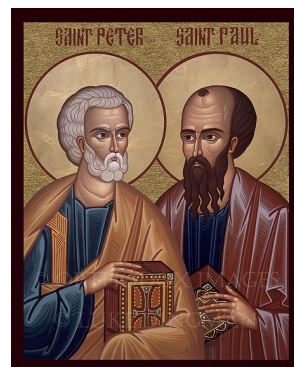
**Tomorrow, Monday, is the Feast of Peter and Paul.** This weekend many Cathedrals would have been hosting Ordination services - Dawn, the Curate at St Nick's, who has joined us for several services in the last year, is one of those who would have been priested. We send her our love and best wishes, and hold her - and so many others - in our prayers.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwE\\_il2FAx4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwE_il2FAx4) is a setting of Ubi caritas and Tu es Petrus by Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est,  
Where true charity is, God is there.

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo Ecclesiam meam.  
Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Matthew 16.18



I was priested on Sunday 2 July 1995, and celebrated Communion (as an Anglican priest) for the first time on Monday 3 July, **The Feast of Thomas the Apostle** - this year that Feast Day falls on Friday. The Gospel reading is John 20.24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with the disciples 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."

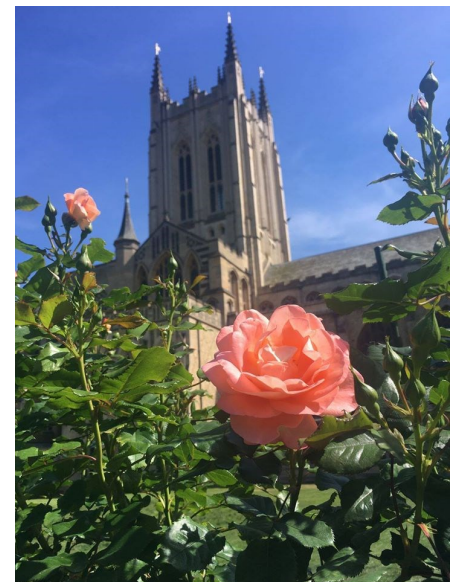
Will you give thanks with me for:

- Julie, Hannah, Gareth, Harry (and Sarah), Theo.
- The places and people I have served in five different posts: Curate of Fornham All Saints and Fornham Martin, Timworth, West Stow and Wordwell, Lackford, Culford, Flempton with Hengrave. Vicar of Cockfield, Bradfield St Clare, Felsham and Gedding. Chaplain, then Canon Pastor of St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Vicar of Ponteland and Milbourne. Vicar of Allestree and Darley Abbey.
- For so much love and support over so many years.
- For the frustrations of these present days - I am not known for my gift of patience ...
- For whatever the future holds.



**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. 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.**



**Hymn - Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer** - *I think this should be sung to Regent's Square, but can't find 6 verses of the tune on youtube. David and Karen have/will record it for us on his Compton organ in Belper (thank you!) and it will then be on the front page of our website.*

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer,  
See the wounds in hand and side,  
Now behold the risen Saviour  
Who for thee has bled and died,  
And from death's dark pit arising,  
Lives in body glorified.

Here behold the love victorious,  
Over death triumphant now,  
See the feet where nails were driven,  
And thy faith in him avow:  
For he lives, the world's redeemer,  
Unto whom all knees shall bow.

Thomas looked upon the Master:  
Was it then indeed the Lord?  
Were those wounds no phantom tokens?  
Did the sight with truth accord?  
Scare believing, joy unbounded,  
Leapt to greet the Saviour's word.

Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:  
'O my Master, Lord and God',  
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour  
Who the path of suffering trod,  
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,  
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,  
Faith within thy heart has stirred;  
Blessèd more those faithful servants,  
Trusting in the Saviour's word,  
Who, though vision is denied them,  
Still believe, and own him Lord.

Grant, O Father, that among them  
We thy servants may be known,  
And the ground be ever faithful  
Where the seed of faith was sown,  
Till at length in heaven's glory,  
Faith and vision are but one.

Words: G.B. Timms - NEH 173  
Music: Regent Square, Henry Smart - CP 502

### Dismissal prayers

To God the Father, who loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved:  
to God the Son, who loved us, and loosed us from our sins by his own blood:  
to God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the love of God abroad in our hearts:  
to the one true God be all love and all glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

**Final music** - *if we'd had a celebratory service at the end of the week, I would have asked whoever was playing the organ to have ended with a piece which is special to both Julie and I.*

Nun danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5ijl-hHg7s>

*Thanks to the miracle of the internet, we will have our own orchestra!*

Peter Barham, 27 June 2020