

The Parish Church of St. Thomas, Kensal Town



Order of Mass

Welcome to St. Thomas, Kensal Town

The Parish Mass is our central act of worship. We come together as a community to hear the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures, to break them open and learn from them. Before God we acknowledge our sins and weaknesses, receive His grace and approach Him in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. We praise Him in word and song, pray for the needs of the world and the community, greet one another in peace and encounter the risen Lord in bread and wine.

This is a joyful expression of our corporate life of prayer.

Thank you for joining us.

A prayer of preparation before Mass

Lord Jesus Christ,
we approach your banquet table as saints and sinners,
and dare not rely on our own worth,
but only on your goodness and mercy.
Gracious God of majesty and awe,
we seek your protection,
we look for your healing.
we appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy.
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal king, crucified for us,
look upon us with mercy and hear our prayer, for we trust in you.

Merciful Father, purify us in body and soul, and make us worthy to taste the Holy of Holies. May your body and blood, which we intend to receive, unworthy as we are, be for us the remission of our sins, the washing away of our guilt, the end of our evil thoughts, and the rebirth of our better instincts. May it incite us to do the works pleasing to you and profitable to our health in body and soul, and may it deliver us from evil.
Amen.

(St. Ambrose)

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*Please stand when the bell rings.
A hymn may be sung.*

The Gathering and Introductory Rite

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

Penitential Rite

*The Priest (or 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**

Or, with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie Eleison may be said:

Lord, have mercy.

or

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Christe Eleison

Christ, have mercy.

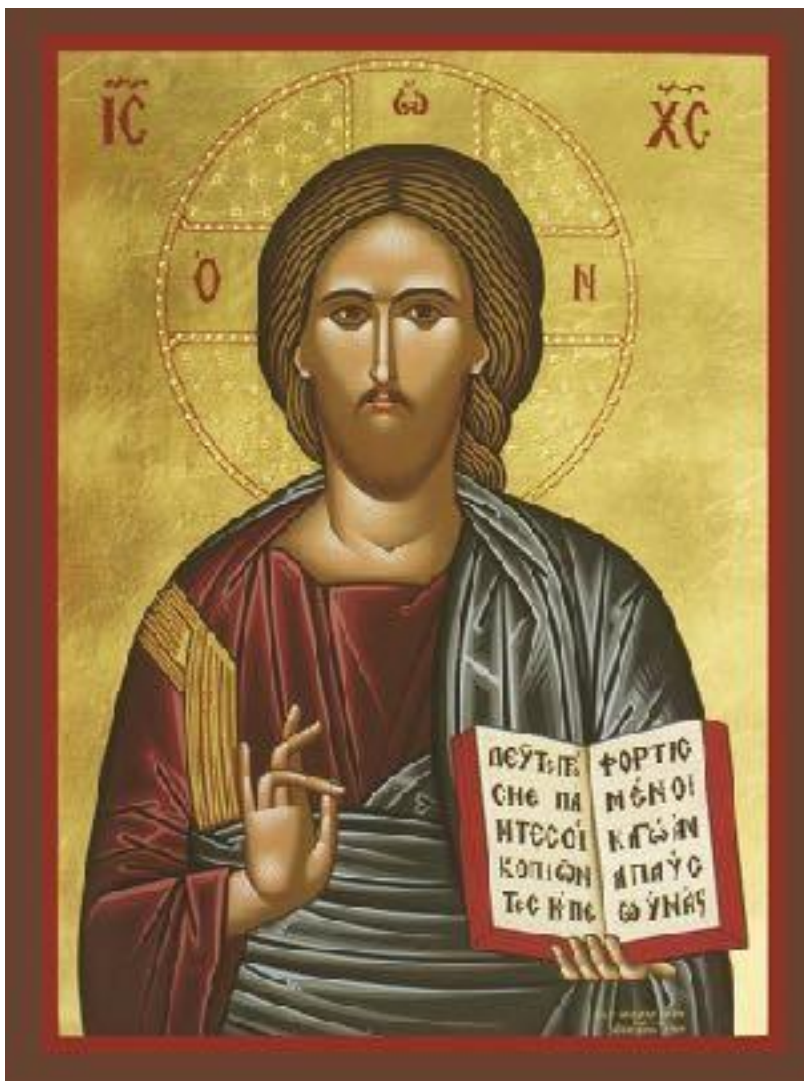
Christe Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy

Kyrie Eleison



The Priest tells the people they are forgiven, all respond:

Amen

On Sundays and Feast Days we sing (or say):

The Gloria

**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 Priest shall announce and then pray The Collect for the day, all respond:

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit for the first reading.

Old Testament Reading

At the end the people respond:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The reader announces the response which the people repeat immediately and then at the end of each verse of the psalm.

New Testament Reading

At the end the people respond:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand. (A hymn may be sung).

The Gospel is brought from the altar amongst the people. The people turn to face The Gospel.

Alleluia, Alleluia

A suitable sentence is used. All respond:

Alleluia

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sit.

The Creed *(Said on Sundays and Feast Days)*

Stand.

**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.

(All bow for the next three lines)

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 the Faithful

*We pray for the needs of the world, the Church, our community, those whom we love and ourselves.
The Priest introduces the prayers.*

One of the following responses is used after each intercession:

Lord hear us

or

Lord in your mercy

Lord graciously hear us

Hear our prayer

If prayers for the departed are said, the following is used:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

Amen

At the end of the prayers the Priest concludes:

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

All share the peace.

An offertory hymn may be sung as the gifts are placed on the altar.

Preparation of The Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

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 Holy Church.**

The Priest prays the Prayer over the Gifts. All respond:

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. All respond:

**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**

*The Priest recalls the Last Supper.
All respond with one of the following acclamations:*

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

or

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**



The prayer continues and leads into the doxology. All respond boldly.

Amen

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.**

The Priest continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated host.

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

**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.**

The Priest displays the broken host and chalice to the people.

This 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.**

The Priest receives communion. There may be an additional communion sentence said.

Giving of communion

Members of all Christian churches who normally receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive the sacrament. Those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing. Please hold this service book to indicate that a blessing is desired.

The Body of Christ.
Amen

and

The Blood of Christ
Amen

Please return quietly to your seat, or to a station to light a candle. A hymn may be sung.

The Priest prays the post communion prayer for the day. All respond;

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

Sit.

The Blessing

Stand.

The Priest will use these, or other suitable seasonal words;

The peace of God,
which passes 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 Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ,
Thanks be to God

A hymn is sung and the altar party process to the back of the church for the Angelus.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

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

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

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

All bow.

And the word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

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

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

The priest prays the final prayer of the Angelus. All respond:

Amen.

Private prayer after Communion

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy
wounds, hide me. Separated from
Thee let me never be.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
At the hour of death, call me.
To come to Thee, bid me,
That I may praise Thee in the company
Of Thy Saints, for all eternity. Amen.

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*Please stay for refreshments
following the service.*