



# St Thomas High Lane Morning Prayer



## 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

***‘Jesus revealed his glory; and his disciples  
believed in him.’***

*(John 2.11b)*

### Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Praise the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
**he has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own:  
**he has made us light to the world.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close  
at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from  
our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the  
joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

May the God of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in God's image  
to the praise and glory of God's name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Hymn –**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Word of God

### **Benedicite - a Song of Creation**

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.)

## **Readings for today;**

### ***A reading from the book of Genesis (14.17-20)***

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,  
'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
    maker of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
    who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'  
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***A reading from the book of Revelation (19. 6-10)***

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,  
'Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
    the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;  
to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(2. 1-11)*

***Glory to you, O Lord***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'

And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**



The Word of life which was from the beginning  
**we proclaim to you.**

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already  
shining;  
**the Word of life which was from the beginning..**

That which we heard, which we saw with  
our eyes, and touched with our hands,  
**we proclaim to you.**

For our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**The Word of life which was from the  
beginning we proclaim to you.**

**The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

**Through your holy prophets, you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:**

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,**

**to give God's people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers

*Intercessions are offered.*

### **Prayer for these times**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn –**

## The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
Keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Blessing

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always

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

## **NOTICES for this week.**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### **Saints days:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January:**  
Conversion of Paul (Festival)

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January:**  
Timothy and Titus  
Companions of Paul (Lesser festival)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** Thomas Aquinas  
Priest philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1272  
(Lesser festival)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Charles  
King and martyr, 1649 (Lesser festival)