

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12 February 2023, 2nd Sunday before Lent

Mass setting: Mathias Communion Service

(music copies available from David, today's welcomer)

❖ **The Gathering**

Please stand to sing as the procession enters.

Introit Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please be seated for an informal welcome.

Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**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.**

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.

Gloria

Please stand.

**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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Andrew Moore



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures for ever.

Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans (8:18-25) *read by Gerald*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing

for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.**

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.**

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

**3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.**

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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Please stand

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6:25-34)

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the

lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

written and read by Jenny

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end

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

❖ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of Peace.
The peace of God be with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to people to wish them God's Peace.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, while the altar is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;
*then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in:
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Russian hymn, tr Stuart K Hine 1899-1989, CP 262

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread,
he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
*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.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Please sit

**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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, whether it is in the Church of England or another denomination, please feel welcome to receive communion at this service. For the time being we receive communion in one kind.

If you prefer, please come to receive a blessing instead, and bring this booklet as a sign to the priest. During the distribution of communion the following anthem will be sung: Rutter For the beauty of the earth

*For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light.*

*For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.*

*For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

**Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!**

**2 There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.**

**3 There no cloud nor passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
there unknown are toil and care.**

**6 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

Latin 15th century; tr JM Neale 1818-66 CP 502

The Blessing

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 with you and all whom you love and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

J.S. Bach Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary and then stay for coffee, which today is
prepared by Amy-Jo and Lilly*

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.

Tonight:

Evening Prayer at 6.30pm

The choir are singing Evensong at Queens College, Cambridge