

# **The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond**

## **Richmond Team Ministry**

*Choral Eucharist on Sunday 17 September 2023, Trinity 15*

*Mass Setting: Byrd Mass for 4 voices*

*Services in September will use material from 'Creationtide', Common Worship.*

*Today's welcomer is Anna.*

### **❖ The Gathering**

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

### **Introit Hymn**

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
self denying, death defying,  
thou to Calvary didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

*James Edmeston 1791-1867 NEH 393/CP 496*

### **Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for informal words of welcome*

## Prayers of Penitence

God's whole creation groans.

The land produces thorns and thistles and longs to be set free.

Our sin affects all around us. We confess in penitence and faith.

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil, but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

*Please be seated. Today the choir sing 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.**

## The Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ❖ The Liturgy of the Word

*Please be seated.*

**Psalm 103:1-13**

Rosalie Bonighton



1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits; *R*

3 Who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 Who redeems your life from the Pit  
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

5 Who satisfies you with good things,  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's. *R*

6 The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever. *R*

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him. *R*

12 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him. *R*

## Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (14:1-12) *read by Fay*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

*Please stand*

**Gradual Hymn**

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.**

**2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let  
old bitterness depart?**

**3 In blazing light your Cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew,  
how small the debts men owe to us,  
how great our debt to you.**

**4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled to God and man,  
our lives will spread your peace.**

Rosamond Herklots 1905-87 CP 428

*Please stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21-35)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

*written and spoken for us by Anna*

*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*

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. *Isaiah 55.12*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### The Peace

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

*During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the altar is prepared.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,  
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'**

## Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
And now we give you thanks because all things are of your making,  
all times and seasons obey your laws,  
you have chosen to create us in your own image,  
setting us over the whole world in all its wonder.  
You have made us stewards of your creation,  
to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power:  
so earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation:

*Choir: 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.

Great is 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Mary Magdalene, St Matthias, St John the Divine 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.

*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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

### **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**

*Choir: 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.*

*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. 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 organ music will be played and the following anthem sung: Wesley, Wash me thoroughly.*

### **Communion Anthem**

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices of our life together are shared.*

### ❖ The Dismissal

*Please stand*

### Dismissal Hymn

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!***

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God!  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.**

Fanny Crosby (Frances Jane van Alstyne) 1820-1915 CP 609

### The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;

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 Prelude in c minor (BWV 546)*

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.*

*Then do stay for refreshments, organised by Jill and Ros,  
and time to meet old and new friends.*

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*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.*

*Your regular giving makes a real difference!*

*You can also give using this QR code:*



this evening...

## **6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Responses: *Ayleward*; Canticles: *Dyson* in F

Anthem: *Lloyd* View me, Lord;

Voluntary: *Howells* Rhapsody in D flat (Op. 17, No. 1)