

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

## **Richmond Team Ministry**

*Sunday 24 September 2023, Trinity 16*

*Mass Setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas*

*(music is available from Geoff, today's welcomer)*

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

### **❖ The Gathering**

*Please stand as the procession enters.*

### **Introit Hymn**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**2 See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?**

**3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.**

**4 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.**

John Newton 1725-1807 Isaiah 33.20-21 CP 435

## 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.**

*We stand to sing God's praise*

## Gloria

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

**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.  
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
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.  
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
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.  
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

### **The Collect**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **❖ The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please be seated.*

**Psalm 145:1-8**

1 I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
2 Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is beyond all searching out.  
4 One generation shall praise your works to another  
and declare your mighty acts.  
5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,  
and I will also tell of your greatness.  
7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.  
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.

## Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (1:21-end) *read by Penny*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gradual Hymn

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength, that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**

**2 Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**3 Not forever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**

**4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

Maria Willis 1824-1908 NEH 357/CP 416i

*Please stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1-16)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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 Sue*

*These or other responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy	(or)	Lord, hear us.
<b>hear our prayer.</b>		<b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b>

*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

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.

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

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
for the saints who before us have found their reward;  
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**2 In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
he called them away from our worship below;  
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,  
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**3 These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,  
and still they were seeking the city of God.**

**4 Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,  
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:  
they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,  
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

William Draper 1855-1933 NEH 208/CP 351

### **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:

**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

**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 W.A. Mozart, Ave verum corpus.*

## Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum,  
immolatum in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered,  
sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
be for us a sweet foretaste  
in the trial of death!*

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Notices of our life together are shared.*

## ❖ The Dismissal

*Please stand*

### Dismissal Hymn

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**4 Lord, for our world; where we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926 CP 81

### 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.**

*Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in G major (Op. 37, No. 2)*

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.  
Then do stay for refreshments, organised by Jo and Sarah,  
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: *Smith*; Canticles: *Murrill* in E

Anthem: *Bairstow* The King of love my Shepherd is;

Voluntary: *J.S. Bach* Fugue in g minor (BWV 578)

next week, Sunday 1 October:

## **Harvest festival**

*Long life products will be collected at all services, for the work of Richmond  
Foodbank and the emergency foodbox in church.*