

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond

Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 21 April 2024 Easter 4

Sung Eucharist

Mass setting: Thorne Trinity Mass

(music is available from Rozel, today's welcomer)

❖ **The Gathering**

Please stand as the procession enters to sing the introit hymn.

Introit Hymn

**The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated for an informal greeting.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

We stand to sing the song of the angels

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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Amen.**

The Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.


Please be seated.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm and Reading

Psalm 23

Andrew Moore



The Lord is my shep-herd, there is no-thing I shall want. The
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- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *R*
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *R*
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. *R*
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *R*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12) read by Fay

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

**1 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.**

**2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.**

**3 I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessèd ones above
happy in thy precious love.**

**4 Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.**

**5 Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.**

Jane E. Leeson 1809-1881 CP 517 (tune: CP212 or 599)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:11-18)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Wilma Roest

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm the faith of the Church.

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

I 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?

I 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?

I 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

written and read by Elspeth

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (or)

hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.

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

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

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.

**God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father;
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his Passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.

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 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.**

Everyone is invited to come forward and receive communion. Communion is offered in two kinds, bread and wine, but if you prefer to receive bread alone that is full communion too. Alternatively, you may receive a blessing. If that is the case, please carry an order of service in your hand. When we receive Communion or a Blessing, we reply 'Amen'. During the distribution of communion, organ music is played, and the choir sing the anthem 'The Lord is my shepherd' by Schubert.

Post Communion Prayer

**Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord,
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

H. W. Baker (1821-77) based on Psalm 150 CP 543

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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.

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Howells Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 3

This prelude is a meditation on the fourth verse of Psalm 23 - “though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me”. The threatening, pulsing repeated Cs evoke the “valley of the shadow of death”, and perhaps call to mind the opening of Brahms’ Symphony No. 1. The music continues to build until a triumphant resolution into C major heralds “For thou art with me”.

Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.

Then stay for coffee and a chance to meet old and new friends.

Coffee is served today by Sarah and Jill.

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.

You can also use the QR code below.

