

**The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond**  
**Richmond Team Ministry**

*Sunday 26 January 2025, Third Sunday of Epiphany*

*Mass setting: Mozart Missa brevis in C*

*Music available from today's welcomer, Geoff*

❖ **The Gathering**

**Introit Hymn**

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now:  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**3 Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed:**

**4 Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**5 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

## Greeting

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

*Please be seated for an informal greeting.*

## Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will, and give us the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We stand to listen to the Gloria*

## Gloria

*Choir: Glória in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntátis.  
Laudámus te, benedicimus te,  
adorámus te, glorificámus te,  
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam  
glóriam tuam,  
Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe,  
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccáta mundi,  
miserére nobis;*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The  
Father,*

*qui tollis peccáta mundi,  
súscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserére nobis.*

*Quóniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dóminus,  
tu solus Altíssimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spírítu:  
in glória Dei Patris. Amen.*

*you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father have mercy on us.*

*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, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **❖ The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Reading**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah (8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10) *read by Fay*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm 19**

1 The hea-vens are telling the glo-ry of God •  
and the firmament proclaims his hand<sup>i</sup>-work.

2 One day pours out its song to an-o-ther •  
and one night unfolds knowledge to an-o-ther.

3 They have neither speech nor lang-uage •  
and their voices are not heard,

4 Yet their sound has gone out in-to all lands •  
and their words to the ends of the world.

5 In them has he set a tabe-na-cle<sup>for</sup> the sun, •  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run<sup>his</sup> course.

6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the ve-ry<sup>end</sup> a-gain, •  
and there is nothing hid-den from<sup>its</sup> heat

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, re-vi-ving the soul; •  
the testi-mony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the sim-ple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and re<sup>joyce</sup> the heart; •  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en-dures for ev-er; •  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous al-to-geth-er.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>much</sup> fine gold, •  
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the ho<sup>ney</sup>-comb.

11 By them also is your<sup>ser</sup>-vant taught •  
and in keeping them there is great<sup>re</sup>-ward.

12 Who can tell how oft-en<sup>they</sup> of-fend? •  
O cleanse me from my se<sup>cret</sup> faults!

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins

lest they get do-min-ion<sup>o</sup>-ver me; •

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great<sup>o</sup>-fence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be ac-cept-a<sup>ble</sup> in your sight, •

O Lord, my strength and my re-deem-er

## Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12:12-31a)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

*Please stand*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost  
love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**Gradual Hymn**

**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die;  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

Edwin Hatch 1835-89 NEH 342

**Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:14–21)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**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 Julia*

*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**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

*cf Colossians 3:15*

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

**We hail thy presence glorious,  
O Christ our great high priest,  
O'er sin and death victorious,  
at thy thanksgiving feast:  
as thou art interceding  
for us in heaven above,  
thy Church on earth is  
pleading  
thy perfect work of love.**

**2 Through thee in every nation  
thine own their hearts upraise,  
offering one pure oblation,  
one sacrifice of praise:  
with thee in blest communion  
the living and the dead  
are joined in closest union,  
one body with one head.**

**3 O living Bread from heaven,  
Jesu, our Saviour good,  
who thine own self hast given  
to be our souls' true food;  
for us thy body broken  
hung on the cross of shame:  
this bread, its hallowed token,  
we break in thy dear name.**

**4 O stream of love unending,  
poured from the one true vine,  
with our weak nature blending  
the strength of life divine;  
our thankful faith confessing  
in thy live-blood outpoured,  
we drink this cup of blessing  
and praise thy name, O Lord.**

Richard Parsons 1882-1948 NEH 310

### Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the field  
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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*Choir: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Lord God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*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**

In whatever language we call our own, let us pray 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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Agnus Dei**

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

### **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 Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, Church of England or not, 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 the choir sing Tallis' O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*

*O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life,  
that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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**

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**2 The task thy wisdom hath  
assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect  
will.**

**3 Preserve me from my calling's  
snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.**

**4 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance  
see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.**

**5 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.**

**6 For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath  
given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to  
heaven.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88 NEH 235/CP 430

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom, 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**

*Please listen to the voluntary and then stay to greet old and new friends over coffee, which today is prepared by Jo and Carole.*

*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 make a one-off gift by using this QR code:*



### **This evening**

Ecumenical Taizé Service – 6:30pm, at Raleigh Road United Church TW9 2DX

### **Upcoming dates of note**

Team Service for Candlemas at St Mary's – 10:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Team Service for St Matthias, at St Matthias' – 10:30am, 23<sup>rd</sup> February