

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 16 February 2025, Third Sunday before Lent

Mass setting: Rizza Mass of St Benedict

Music available from today's welcomer, Jane

❖ **The Gathering**

Introit Hymn

**Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see;
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee!**

**2 A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.**

**3 All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean,
which with this tincture, 'for thy sake,'
will not grow bright and clean.**

**4 A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine;
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.**

**5 This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.**

George Herbert 1593-1633 NEH 456/CP 583

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, therefore confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

We stand to sing the Gloria

Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people, 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 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 sins of the world:
have mercy, have mercy upon us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, 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
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory,
the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Alleluia.**

The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 prophecy of Jeremiah (17:5-10) *read by Jo*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,

and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,

and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse—who can understand it?

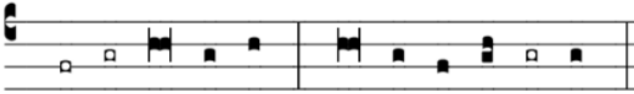
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,

according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 Bles-sed are they who have not walked
 in the counsel of the wick-ed, •
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the assembly of the scorn-ful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord •
 and they meditate on his lāw day and^night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not with-er, •
 whatever they do, it shall pros-per.

4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; •
 they are like chaff which the wind blows a^way.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judge-ment, •
 nor the sinner in the congregation of the right-eous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the right-eous, •
 but the way of the wick-ed shall pe-rish.

Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15:1-11)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

John Keble 1792-1866 and others NEH 341/CP 391

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:17-26)

Glory to you, O Lord.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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 Bleddyn

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

**Through all the changing scenes
of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**2 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.**

**3 The hosts of God encamp
around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.**

**4 O make but trial of his love;
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.**

**5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will
then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight;
your wants shall be his care.**

**6 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

Psalm 34 Tate and Brady New Version 1696 NEH
467/CP 604

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

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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,
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.

Please sit

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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 Pitoni Cantate Domino

*Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where 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 the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**4 Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

**5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to all mankind.**

The Blessing

God of your calling, make you to hear clearly the prompting of the Spirit and bold to follow that call all your days, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Gowers An occasional trumpet voluntary

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

*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:

Dates of Note

After the Service

Bake sale in the South Transept

This Evening

Evensong at 6:30pm

Responses: *Forbes L'Estrange*, Canticles: *Purcell* in G minor, Anthem: *Tallis* O nata lux

Dinner and discussion for Teens – speak to Charlie if you would like to come

Next Sunday

Joint Service for St Matthias' Patronal Festival: 10:30am, St Matthias Church