

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

*Sung Eucharist*

*Sunday 23 March 2025, Third Sunday of Lent*

*Mass setting: Rizza Mass of St Benedict*

*(music copies available from Jane, today's welcomer)*

❖ **The Gathering**

*Please stand to sing as the procession enters.*

**Introit Hymn**

**Lord, teach us how to pray aright  
with reverence and with fear;  
though dust and ashes in thy sight,  
we may, we must, draw near.**

**2 We perish if we cease from prayer:  
O grant us power to pray;  
and, when to meet thee we prepare,  
Lord, meet us by the way.**

**3 God of all grace, we bring to thee  
a broken, contrite heart;  
give what thine eye delights to see,  
truth in the inward part;**

**4 Faith in the only sacrifice  
that can for sin atone,  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes,  
on Christ, on Christ alone;**

**5 Patience to watch and wait and weep,  
though mercy long delay;  
courage our fainting souls to keep,  
and trust thee though thou slay.**

**6 Give these, and then thy will be done;  
thus, strengthened with all might,  
We, through thy Spirit and thy Son,  
shall pray, and pray aright.**

## Greeting

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

*Please be seated for an informal greeting.*

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

**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.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

## Absolution

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.**

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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 for the readings and the Lenten Prose.*

## ❖ **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (55.1-9) *read by Jane*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Lenten Prose, verse 3

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated : bow down and hearken to thy weeping children : pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.*

### Reading

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

*Please stand*

### Gradual Hymn

**All ye who seek a comfort sure  
in trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind  
or guilt the soul oppress.**

**2 Jesus, who gave himself for you  
upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.**

**3 Ye hear how kindly he invites;  
Ye hear his words so blessed,  
'All ye that labour come to me,  
and I will give you rest.'**

**4 O Jesus, joy of saints on high,  
Thou hope of sinners here,  
attracted by those loving words  
to thee I lift my prayer.**

**5 Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood  
which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new  
and better heart bestow.**

Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> cent. tr Edward Caswall (1814-78), NEH 63

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13.1-9)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The Rev'd Joe Moore*

*Please stand*

**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**

*Please sit for the prayers which have been written and are read by Jill*

*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**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 hymn, an offering is taken.  
Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, while the altar is prepared.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast:'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down, and drink, and  
live:'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my  
soul revived,  
and now I live in him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall  
rise,  
and all thy day be bright:'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.  
Horatio Bonar (1808-89) NEH 376/CP 469**

## 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 and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance,  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in  
grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to  
your generous heart. Through study of your holy word, you open  
our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to  
welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and  
minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with angels and saints for  
ever praising you and singing:

**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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**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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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, 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, whether it is in the 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 organ music will be played and the choir sing Purcell's Thou knowest, Lord*

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.  
O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
Thou most worthy Judge eternal.  
Suffer us not, at our last hour,  
For any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

**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

### **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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**

*Bach Fugue in A minor, BWV543.ii*

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



*Please do not forget to give towards the work of the church – there are Gift Aid envelopes available, and a card machine and a QR code for contactless giving. There are also leaflets about regular giving at the back of church.*

### **This Evening**

6:30pm – Choral Evensong

Responses: *Briggs*

Canticles: *Byrd Fauxbourdons*

Anthem: *Purcell Jehovah, quam multi sunt hostes mei*

Voluntary: *Purcell 'Double' voluntary in d*

### **Dates of Note**

Spring clean! 12 April, 10am-12noon

Help make the church and churchyard spic and span for Easter.

Phil Crowther – Wednesday 2 April 2025 at 2.30pm at Christchurch in East Sheen

Henry Leighton-Crawford – 15 April 2025 at 12pm, St Mary Magdalene, Richmond

Adele Curtis – 29 May 2025 at 11:30am, St Mary Magdalene, Richmond