

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

## **Richmond Team Ministry**

*Sunday 4 May 2025, Third Sunday of Easter*

*Sung Eucharist, remembering the 80th Anniversary of VE Day*

*Mass setting: Thorne Trinity Mass*

### **❖ The Gathering**

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

### **Introit Hymn**

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
lo, he sets in blood no more!**

**2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.**

**3 Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**4 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection thou!**

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788 NEH 113/CP 150*

### **Greeting**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the greeting*

Dear Friends, we have come together on this day to commemorate the anniversary of Victory in Europe.

We come together conscious of need for God's forgiveness for the sin and the desire to dominate others that leads to conflicts between peoples and war between nations.

And as we remember the many soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their lives restraining evil and opposing tyranny, so we also come in thanksgiving for those who continue to strive for peace in the world. We gather joyfully today, as those who gathered on that first Victory Day glad of each other's company and grateful for the laughter and love that follows times of sadness and loss.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness  
of life to the glory of your name. 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 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, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **❖ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

A reading from Micah (4:1-4) *read by Andrew*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;  
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 84*

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ♦  
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: ♦  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: ♦  
they will always be praising you.

**4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, ♦  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,**

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, ♦  
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

**6 They will go from strength to strength ♦  
and appear before God in Zion.**

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; ♦  
listen, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God, ♦  
and look upon the face of your anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts ♦  
is better than a thousand.

**10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God ♦  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; ♦  
no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord God of hosts, ♦  
blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5.16–21)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not

counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Hymn**

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
who bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.**

**4 O Trinity of love and power,  
our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them whereso'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

WILLIAM WHITING, 1825-78 CP 413

## Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15.18–24)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Rev’d Canon Nick Derby

**Sermon**

**Recollections of VE Day 1945**

Penny invites Jean, Liz, Mike, Heather and Jutta to share their memories.

*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**

*written and read by Penny*

*These or other responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

(or)

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**

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;**

angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

**2** Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

**3** No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
**bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

EL Budry (1854-1932) tr. RB Hoyle (1875-1939) NEH 120/CP 160

### **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.**

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 'Lead me, Lord' by S.S. Wesley.

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God

your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who 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 humankind.**

James Quinn, 1919-2010 CP 429

### **The Blessing**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth,  
and all people, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you 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!**

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### **National Anthem**

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary and then stay to greet one  
another over coffee, which today is prepared by Yvonne & Jill.*



## **May Fair**

Saturday 10 May, 10am-4pm

Please sign up to volunteer if you can.

And come along to enjoy music and dance performances,  
cakes, books, plants, tombola, games, facepainting, and more!

