

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

*Sunday 14 September 2025*

*Second Sunday of Creationtide*

*Mass setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas*

*Our welcomer today is Rozel*

❖ **The Gathering**

*Please stand as procession enters.*

**Introit Hymn**

**New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**2 New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**3 If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**4 The trivial round, the common task,  
would furnish all we ought to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

*John Keble, 1792-1866 NEH 238/CP 6i*

**Greeting**

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

*Please be seated for informal words of welcome*

## Prayers of Penitence

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Gloria**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
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.**

### ❖ The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Genesis (1:26–2.3) *read by Amanda*

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

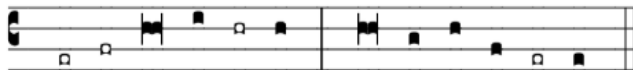
So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



1 O Lord our go-ver^nor, •  
 how glorious is your name in all the^world!  
 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised •  
 out of the mouths of babes at the breast.  
 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, •  
 that you might still the enemy and the a-ven-ger.  
 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fin-gers, •  
 the moon and the stars that you have or-dained,  
 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; •  
 the son of man, that you should seek him^out?  
 6 You have made him little lower than the an-gels •  
 and crown him with glo-ry and hon-our.  
 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands •  
 and put all things un-der his feet,  
 8 All sheep and ox-en, •  
 even the wild bēasts of the^field,  
 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea •  
 and whatsoever moves in the pāths of the^sea.  
 10 O Lord our go-ver^nor •  
 how glorious is your name in all the^world!

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians (1:15–20)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy pardoning love extend.**

**2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy saving grace extend.**

**3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
to us thy quickening power extend.**

**4 Thrice Holy, Father, Spirit, Son,  
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
before thy throne we sinners bend:  
grace, pardon, life to us extend. Amen.**

Edward Cooper (1770-1833) NEH 358

*Please remain standing*

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:6–18)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Together, we declare our faith in God.

**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 Carole and Peter*

*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**

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

Let us offer another a sign of peace.

*We turn to people to share God's Peace.*

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Hymn during which the altar is prepared.*

*During the hymn, the elements are offered by members of the congregation, and a financial offering is taken for the work of the church. If you would prefer to, you can give via the card machine or you can give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds**

**in a believer's ear!**

**It soothes his sorrows, heals  
his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.**

**2 It makes the wounded spirit  
whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.**

**3 Dear Name! the rock on  
which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.**

**4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother,  
Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my  
End,  
accept the praise I bring.**

**5 Weak is the effort of my  
heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou  
art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**6 Till then I would thy love  
proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy  
name  
refresh my soul in death.**

*John Newton (1725-1807) NEH 374/CP 467*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited 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.**

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 singing:

**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.**

## **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.**

## **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.**

*If you are a visitor and receive communion in any other church, 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 communion the organ will play, and the choir sing Goss, O saviour of the world*

*O Saviour of the World,*

*who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.*

*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen*

Let us pray.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:  
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,  
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,  
that the world may praise you for your goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Notices of our life together are shared.*

## **❖ The Dismissal**

*Please stand*

## **Dismissal Hymn**

**Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

M Rinkart (1586-1649) tr Catherine Winkworth  
(1827-78) NEH 413/CP 530

### **The Blessing**

God the Father, who created the world,  
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen**  
God the Son, who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen**  
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,  
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace **Amen**  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of  
righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Voluntary**

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary and then stay for coffee and chance to  
meet friends, old and new. Today coffee is served by Jill and Shirley.*