

St Mary Magdalene, Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 23 November 2025, Christ the King

Mass Setting: Ireland Communion Service in C

President: The Rev'd James Hutchings, Today's welcomer is Pat

❖ The Gathering

Please stand to sing as the procession enters.

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.**

Caroline Noel 1817-1877 NEH 338

Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please be seated for an informal greeting.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Gloria

Please remain seated as the choir sing the Song of the angels.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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

Please be seated

Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah (23.1–6) *read by Tony*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

Psalm 46



1 God is our refuge and strength, •

a very present help in trou-ble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, •

and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the^sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, •
 and though the mountains quake at the tow-er-ing seas.
 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, •
 the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
 5 God is in the midst of her;
 therefore shall she not be re-moved; •
 God shall help her at the break of day
 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are sha-ken, •
 but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt a way.
 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; •
 the God of Jacob is our strong-hold.
 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, •
 what destruction he has wrought up-on the earth.
 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; •
 he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
 and burns the cha-ri-ots in the fire.
 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; •
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be ex-alt-ed in the earth.'
 11 The Lord of hosts is with us •
 the God of Jacob is our strong-hold.

Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians (1.11–20)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 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.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

**The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

Psalm 23 HW Baker 1821-77 NEH 457/CP 589i

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23.33-43)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, 'Father,

forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us stand to declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession

written and read by Judy

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

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14,15

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 others to wish them God's peace.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Hymn during which the altar is prepared. During the hymn, an offering is taken for the work of the church. If you would prefer not to give, or if you give via other means, you can place a card in the basket as a prayer.

Offertory Hymn

**1 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**3 They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**4 O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**5 Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope is his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**6 Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**7 So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

G.K.A Bell (1883-1958) CP 165

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

Blessed be God for ever

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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness

you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,

a kingdom of holiness and grace,

a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels

and all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory

and join their unending hymn of praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace.*

*If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, whether it is in the
Church of England or another denomination, 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 will sing Mendelssohn Above all praise and majesty

*Above all praise and majesty,
Lord thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.*

F. Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!**

**2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,**

my God and King!

George Herbert 1593-1632 NEH 394

The Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and all whom you love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Voluntary

McDowall Sounding Heaven and Earth

Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.

Then do stay for refreshments, and time to meet old and new friends.

Today coffee is served by Judy & Fenella