

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15 March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

Mass setting: Schubert, Mass in G

President: The Rev'd Robert Stanier; Our welcomer today is Jane

❖ **The Gathering**

Please stand to sing as the procession enters.

Introit Hymn

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**4 The Spirit of the risen Christ.
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

Brian Wren, b 1936 CP 305

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

*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. 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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings and the Lent Prose.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from 1 Samuel (1:20-28) read by Anthony

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; for we have sinned a- gainst Thee.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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

Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians (3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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 John (19:25-27)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

Please stand

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit for the prayers which have been written and are read by Judy.

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

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
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

**1 Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.**

**3 Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**

**4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

G.B. Timms 1910-1997 CP241

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 as the child of an earthly mother
he opened all families to the presence of God's love.

On the cross he took upon himself
all that damages human relationships,
and opened the way of redemption;

And even in his final agony,
his thoughts were for his mother and the disciple whom he loved.

Recalling his love for us, which transcends all human love,
we join with saints and angels ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

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 Jochebed, the mother of Moses, Miriam, his sister,
Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene,
and 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

In whatever language we call our own, let us pray 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

The choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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.

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 the choir sings A Gaelic Blessing.

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*

Text: trad. Irish

Music: John Rutter b.1945

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast,
you feed us in this sacrament with the food of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace
within the household of faith; 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

Blessing of Flowers

Please stand

Praise God who loves us. **Praise God who mothers us.**

For the care of all who mother; **Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested; **Thanks be to God.**

For their service when tired; **Thanks be to God.**

For their hope when despairing; **Thanks be to God.**

Lord God, creator of all life, bless these flowers,
that they may be a symbol of your love for us,
and a sign of our love for one another. **Amen.**

Flowers are handed out to anyone.

Dismissal Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out. my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024, based on St Luke 1.46-55 in the New English Bible NEH 186/CP 362

The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you;
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
And the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
be with you and those 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

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert 1797-1828

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

*Please do not forget to give towards the work of the church – there is a plate for cash
or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.*