

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

*Sung Eucharist*

*Sunday 22 February 2026, First Sunday of Lent*

*President: Rev'd Charlie Middleton*

*Mass setting: Rizza Mass of St Benedict, music available from our welcomer, Pimm*

**❖ The Gathering**

*Please stand to sing as the procession enters.*

**Introit Hymn**

**Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted and yet undefiled.**

**2 Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
chilly dewdrops nightly shed,  
prowling beasts about thy way,  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**3 Let us thine endurance share,  
and awhile from joys abstain,  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?**

**4 And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**5 So shall we have peace divine,  
holier gladness ours shall be,  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.**

**6 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side,  
that we thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

## **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**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings and the Lent Prose.*

## ❖ The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7) read by Sarah

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Lenten Prose verse I

*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.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

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

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans (5:12-19)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gradual Hymn**

**1 O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood  
so freely shed for me.**

**2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my great Redeemer's throne;  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone.**

**3 A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from him that dwells within.**

**4 A heart in every thought renewed  
and full of love divine,  
perfect and right and pure and good,  
a copy, Lord, of thine.**

**5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of love.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88 CP 53

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

*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 Jane*

*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**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.*

**Jesu, lover of my soul,**  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
**O receive my soul at last.**

**2 Other refuge have I none,**  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
**All my trust on thee is stayed,**  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

**Offertory Hymn**

**3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;**  
more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
**Just and holy is thy name,**  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

**4 Plenteous grace with thee is**  
found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
**Thou of life the fountain art:**  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
**rise to all eternity.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88, CP 96

## 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 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 saying:

**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**

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.**

## **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 the anthem Attwood, Turn thy face from my sins*

*Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

Words: Psalm 51:9-11

Music: Thomas Attwood 1765-1838

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love;  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
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

**Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.**

**2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind!**

**3 O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!**

**4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but His loved ones know.**

**5 Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.**

Latin c 12th century, Tr Edward Caswall 1814-78, NEH 385

### 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

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

Heinrich Scheidemann c.1595-1663

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

*There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.*

*Your regular giving makes a real difference!*



*You can also make a one-off gift by using this QR code:*

**This Evening**

**6:30pm – Installation of Rev'd Robert Stanier as Team Rector  
and Vicar of St Mary's**