



**Richmond  
Team Ministry**



# **Sung Eucharist**

## **11:00am**

**The First Sunday of Lent**  
**22 February 2026**

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# **WELCOME** to St John's this morning on the First Sunday of Lent!



Lent began on Ash Wednesday, when we were marked with the sign of the cross and heard again the call to repentance: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Today, on this First Sunday of Lent, we take our place more deliberately within that forty-day journey.

The Gospel leads us into the wilderness with Christ. Before any preaching, before any miracles, there is silence, hunger, and temptation. Lent invites us to follow him there — not to seek drama, but to rediscover trust. In a world of noise and distraction, the desert becomes a place of clarity, where false securities fall away and we learn again what it means to rely upon God.

Through prayer, fasting, and generosity, we open our lives to be reshaped by grace. As we gather at the altar, we are strengthened for the road ahead. Let us walk this Lenten path with honesty, courage, and hope.

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*The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.*

### **Prelude**

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.*

**1 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 dew-drops nightly shed; prowling beasts about thy way; stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**3 Shall not we thy sorrows share, and from earthly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, glad 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 with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.**

GEORGE HUNT SMYTTAN (1822–1870)  
and FRANCIS POTT (1832–1909)

A&M 121

### **The Gathering**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*A welcome is given by the presiding priest.*

### **The Penitential Act**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith :

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

*The Kyrie is sung, during which the priest sprinkles the congregation with holy water, symbolising the cleansing of the people. You are invited to make the sign of the cross when sprinkled with holy water.*

**Kyrie eleison**

**Christie eleison**

**Kyrie eleison**

## The 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

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

*Please sit for the readings and the psalm.*

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Genesis.  
(2.15–17; 3.1–7).*

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.**

### Psalm 32

*The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the choir, and the congregation are invited to join in with the sung Response.*

**Response: Forgive me, O Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile. **R**

3 For I held my tongue;  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all the day long.

4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and  
night;  
my moisture was dried up like the  
drought in summer. **R**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and my iniquity I did not hide.

6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions  
to the Lord,'  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R**

7 Therefore let all the faithful make their  
prayers to you  
in time of trouble;  
in the great water flood, it shall not  
reach them.

8 You are a place for me to hide in;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with songs of  
deliverance. **R**

9 'I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.'

10 'Be not like horse and mule which  
have no understanding; whose mouths  
must be held with bit and bridle, or else  
they will not stay near you.' **R**

11 Great tribulations remain for the  
wicked, but mercy embraces those who  
trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in  
the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of  
heart. **R**

## Second Reading

*A reading from 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— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type 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 free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion 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 by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**I Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er  
us: all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

JAMES EDMESTON (1791–1867) A&M 702

*Gospel acclamation:*

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (4.1-11).

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards 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  
splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I  
will give you, if you will fall down and  
worship me.' 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 sit.*

### **The Creed**

**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**

*Kneel to pray.*

Lord, in your mercy or: Lord, hear us.  
**Hear our prayer or 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**

*Please stand.*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. The peace of Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We greet each other with a sign of peace,  
and then sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

**I 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.**

**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 (1707–1788) A&M 128

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## Preparation of the Altar

## The Offertory

*The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## 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 saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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.*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Divine, St Mathias, St 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.

*The Great Amen is sung.*

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until  
he comes.**

### **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**

Behold 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.**

*The Church of England welcomes baptised members of all Christian traditions to receive Communion. If it is your usual practice to receive Communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion. If you would like to know more about Baptism or Confirmation, please do speak to the clergy.*

*During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing: Like as the Hart William Croft/David Patrick*

## Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**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.**

## The Notices

*Information about our life together is shared.*

## The Dismissal

**I I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me — sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.**

**2 I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.**

**Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread; but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.**

**3 He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet: then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me — sing it with his saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.**

FRANCIS HAROLD ROWLEY (1854–1952)

A&M 671

## The Blessing

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

Christ, give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Prelude in G minor Gariel Pierné*

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# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

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## LENT BOOK AND LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS 2026

Our parish Lent book for 2026 is 'Easter in Disguise', published by Bloomsbury, by Liz Dodd.

Liz Dodd is a well-known Christian writer, retreat leader, and spiritual director, with a particular gift for helping us notice God at work in the ordinary, the overlooked, and the quietly transformative moments of life. She has written widely on prayer, discipleship, and the rhythms of the Christian year, and her writing is marked by warmth, theological depth, and a gentle attentiveness to lived experience.

In 'Easter in Disguise', Liz invites us to approach Lent not simply as a journey towards Easter, but as a season in which resurrection life is already breaking through—often in unexpected and disguised ways. Through scripture, reflection, and prayer, the book explores themes of hope, transformation, loss, and renewal, encouraging us to look closely at our own lives and communities for signs of God's redeeming work. It is reflective without being heavy, honest without being bleak, and deeply rooted in the promise that new life is always nearer than we think.

To accompany this book, we will be offering two Lent Groups:

- Rev'd Anne will lead a daytime Lent Group on Mondays at 10.00am at St Matthias, beginning on Monday 23rd February.
- Rev'd Joe will lead an evening Lent Group on Tuesdays at 7.45pm at St John's, beginning on Tuesday 17th February.

Both groups will run for six weeks and will be open to all. If you are planning to come along, please do email us to let us know:

- Rev'd Anne: [anne.crawford@richmonddteamministry.org](mailto:anne.crawford@richmonddteamministry.org)
- Rev'd Joe: [joe.moore@richmonddteamministry.org](mailto:joe.moore@richmonddteamministry.org)

We also encourage everyone to get hold of a copy of 'Easter in Disguise' in advance - available from bookshops and online - so that you can make the most of the reflections and discussions throughout the season.



# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 6:30pm

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# Said Eucharist

at 7pm on Tuesdays

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# COME BACK TO ME

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*A Journey of Return for Lent*

*Inspired by the prophet Hosea*

*“Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God.”*

— Hosea 14.1 —



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## SUNDAYS IN LENT

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*Lent 1 — Sunday 22 February 2026*  
*When You Come Back Hungry*

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*Lent 2 — Sunday 1 March 2026*  
*When You Come Back Afraid*

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*Lent 3 — Sunday 8 March 2026*  
*When You Come Back Thirsty*

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*Lent 4 — Sunday 15 March 2026*  
*When You Come Back Able to See*

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*Lent 5 — Sunday 22 March 2026*  
*When You Come Back Broken*

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*Palm Sunday — Sunday 29 March 2026*  
*When You Finally Come Back*

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— ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RICHMOND —

*A sermon series at the 11am Sung Eucharist*

*All are welcome*