



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

**The Third Sunday of Lent
8 March 2026**

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Richmond Team Ministry**

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Third Sunday of Lent!



This Third Sunday of Lent invites us to pause beside a well in the heat of the day and listen to a remarkable conversation. In today's Gospel (John 4.5–42), Jesus meets a Samaritan woman who has come to draw water. What begins as a simple request - "Give me a drink" - becomes an encounter that transforms her life and the life of her whole community.

Jesus crosses boundaries that others would not: the boundary between Jew and Samaritan, between man and woman, between stranger and neighbour. At the well he speaks of a deeper thirst within every human heart - a longing not simply for water, but for meaning, belonging, forgiveness, and life. The "living water" he offers is nothing less than the life of God flowing freely within us.

Lent is a season when we are invited to recognise our own thirst: our need for grace, renewal, and truth. Like the woman at the well, we come carrying our own stories, questions, and burdens. Yet Christ meets us where we are, speaks honestly to our hearts, and invites us into new life.

As we gather for worship today, may we be open to that encounter - to the living water Christ offers - and, like the woman who ran back to her town with joy, may we discover again the hope that springs from meeting the Saviour of the world.

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St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.***

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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

Prelude *Folk-song* Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

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

**I Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises**

I will ever give to thee.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (1717–1791)

translated by PETER WILLIAMS (1727–1796)

The last two lines of each verse are individually sung twice.

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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 most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking
in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
and peace; 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 Exodus.
(17. 1-7).*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

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

Response: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our maker.

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms. **R**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

8 O that today you would listen to his voice:

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 ‘When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works. **R**

10 ‘Forty years long I detested that generation and said,

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 ‘So I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter into my rest.” ’ **R**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans (5.1-11).

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

*We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn***

**I Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul’s shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and
always;
be thou and thou only the first in my
heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure
thou art.**

**5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's
bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is
won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

(Irish, 8th century)

translated by MARY ELIZABETH BYRNE (1880–1931)
versified by ELEANOR HENRIETTA HULL (1860–1935)
A&M 595

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 John (4. 5-42).

Glory to you, O Lord.

So he came to a Samaritan city called
Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob
had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well
was there, and Jesus, tired out by his
journey, was sitting by the well. It was
about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water,
and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a
drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city
to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said
to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a
drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews
do not share things in common with
Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you

knew the gift of God, and who it is that is
saying to you, "Give me a drink", you
would have asked him, and he would have
given you living water.' The woman said to
him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well
is deep. Where do you get that living
water? Are you greater than our ancestor
Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his
sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus
said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this
water will be thirsty again, but those who
drink of the water that I will give them will
never be thirsty. The water that I will give
will become in them a spring of water
gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said
to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I
may never be thirsty or have to keep
coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband,
and come back.' The woman answered
him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her,
'You are right in saying, "I have no
husband"; for you have had five husbands,
and the one you have now is not your
husband. What you have said is true!' The
woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are
a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on
this mountain, but you say that the place
where people must worship is in
Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman,
believe me, the hour is coming when you
will worship the Father neither on this
mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship
what you do not know; we worship what
we know, for salvation is from the
Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now
here, when the true worshippers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for
the Father seeks such as these to worship
him. God is spirit, and those who worship
him must worship in spirit and truth.' The
woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is
coming' (who is called Christ).

‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word.

They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is
Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he
stands no tongue can bid me thence
depart, no tongue can bid me thence
depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

CHARITIE LEES DE CHENEZ

(1841–1923)

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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 again.

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: O God of mercy Simon Lole

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing our **Recessional Hymn.**

**1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**3 God's great goodness aye
endureth, deep his wisdom, passing
thought: splendour, light, and life
attend him, beauty springeth out of
naught. Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

ROBERT SEYMOUR BRIDGES (1844–1930)
based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*,
by JOACHIM NEANDER (1650–1680)
A&M 584

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

Durch Adam's fall ist ganz verderbt BWV 705 JS Bach

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER OUR WORSHIP!



St Joseph's Day **Drinks & Nibbles** *for Newcomers*



at St John's Vicarage

Thursday 19th March
6:30pm – 9pm

St John's Vicarage
19 Old Deer Park Gardens
TW9 2TN

*If you've joined St John's in the last year, you're very welcome to
St John's Vicarage to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph!*

*Please email Joe to let him know you're coming:
joe.moore@richmondteamministry.org*



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@richmondteamministry.org
- Rev'd Joe: joe.moore@richmondteamministry.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

For 20 minutes

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Said Eucharist

at 7pm on Tuesdays

All are welcome!

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COME BACK TO ME

A Journey of Return for Lent

Inspired by the prophet Hosea

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

— Hosea 14.1 —



SUNDAYS IN LENT

Lent 1 — Sunday 22 February 2026

When You Come Back Hungry

Lent 2 — Sunday 1 March 2026

When You Come Back Afraid

Lent 3 — Sunday 8 March 2026

When You Come Back Thirsty

Lent 4 — Sunday 15 March 2026

When You Come Back Able to See

Lent 5 — Sunday 22 March 2026

When You Come Back Broken

Palm Sunday — Sunday 29 March 2026

When You Finally Come Back

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, RICHMOND

A sermon series at the 11am Sung Eucharist

All are welcome