

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 19 April 2026 Easter 3

Sung Eucharist; Mass setting: Mathias

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

❖ **The Gathering**

Please stand to sing the introit hymn when the procession enters.

Introit Hymn

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:

'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

2 Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the weight of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts today!

3 Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!

4 Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven:
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

5 Then, as the trumpet call, in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond, with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

Henry Montague Butler 1833-1918 NEH 398

Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please be seated for an informal greeting.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

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.

We stand to sing the song of the angels

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-end

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by
grief and sorrow was I held.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the
Lord.

16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 36-41) read by Sarah

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for
me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to
thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**2 Just as I am, though tossed
about
with many a conflict, many a
doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,**

**3 Just as I am, poor, wretched,
blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea all I need, in thee to find,**

**4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve:**

because thy promise I believe,

**5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,**

**6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and
height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871 NEH 294/CP308i

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:13-35)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to

Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The 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

written and read by Nicola

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 Dedication of the new Altar Table

Holy Lord and merciful Father, you have neither beginning nor end. You are a holy and wonderful God, whose ways no one can comprehend. We humbly pray that this altar may be for you like the altar consecrated by Abel, the forerunner of the Passion of the Mystery of Salvation, the altar consecrated by Noah, when the waters had subsided, the altar consecrated by Abraham, our father in faith, which he built to sacrifice his son Isaac, and the altar which Jacob, who, on seeing the Lord, raised an altar to your glory. Here, Lord, you generously give us good things.

Therefore, grant that at this table our offerings may be pleasing and acceptable to you and always bathed in the dew of your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Therefore, let this table, prepared for a heavenly and spiritual banquet, be an everlasting pillar of your church; for you, O Lord, bless and accept the sacrifices laid on it by your own mouth, and grant us all that we may gain everlasting life by sharing in them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, let us pray to almighty God, the creator of the universe and of this holy place, that we who gather here and who are sent to proclaim the faith throughout the world, may with the whole Church, be strengthened by Christ the corner-stone, God's only-begotten Son, who gives us the sacrament we prepare upon this altar. May he bless the sacrifice of his Son whom we remember in the Eucharist, and so receive it for the unfolding of human salvation and for the glory of his name, whose kingdom and dominion endure for ever and ever. Amen.

The Choir sings verses from 'Locus Iste' by Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament, beyond reproach.

During the anthem, the priest (having removed his chasuble) marks the surface of the altar table with five crosses using the holy Oil of Chrism.

When the anointing has been completed, a minister says

Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. '

We humbly beseech you, O Lord, that you would vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this holy and anointed altar which will bear the gifts we offer you. May it please you forever to hear the prayers of your faithful people, that our sins may be absolved, our stains blotted out, and pardon obtained; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

During the Offertory ministers wipe the chrism from the altar, clean it, and dress it with its linen and candles.

❖ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. *Luke 24.35*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to people to wish them God's Peace.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, while the altar is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

**2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John –
they came with me and the dance went on.**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
they left me there on a cross to die.**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on:**

**5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he:**

SYDNEY CARTER 1915-2004 NEH 375/CP 468

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, almighty and eternal Father;
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his Passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes 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

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

All are welcome! If you usually receive communion here or in another church, please feel welcome to receive communion at this service. Otherwise, please come to receive a blessing instead, and bring this booklet as a sign to the priest.

During the distribution of communion, organ music is played, and the following hymn is sung:

**Bread of heaven, on thee we
feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength
supplied
through the life of him who died.**

**2 Vine of heaven, thy blood
supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
'tis thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
thou our life! O let us be
rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

Josiah Conder 1789-1855 NEH 276

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices of our life together are shared.

❖ The Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

6 Now we rejoice to name him King:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel-message we proclaim:

we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J Burns b 1938 AMHS 507/CP 612

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith;

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. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.

Coffee is served today by Ros & Nicky

Tonight:

Come and Sing Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

All are welcome to come and sing!

Responses: Smith; Canticles: Dyson in D

Anthem: Wesley Blessed be the God and Father