

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

*Sunday 17 May 2026 Sunday after Ascension Day / Bell Sunday*

*Sung Eucharist*

*Mass setting: Mathias*

*Welcomer: Pimm*

❖ **The Gathering**

*Please stand as the procession enters to sing the introit hymn.*

**Ding Dong! Merrily on High,**  
**In heaven the bells are ringing:**  
**Ding dong! Verily the sky**  
**Is riven with angel singing**  
***Gloria, Hosanna in Excelsis***

**E'en so here below, below,**  
**Let steeple bells be swungen,**  
**And 'lo, io, io!'**  
**By priest and people sungen.**  
***Gloria, Hosanna in Excelsis***

**Pray you, dutifully prime**  
**Your matin chime, ye ringers:**  
**May you beautifully rhyme**  
**Your evetime song, ye singers.**  
***Gloria, Hosanna in Excelsis***

**Greeting**

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

**Amen**

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

*Please be seated for an informal greeting.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him. *1 Cor 2.9,10*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
through our own fault,  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

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.**

*Please stand*

### **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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your  
kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ❖ The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.6-14) *read by Jo*

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm and Reading

### Psalm 68.1-10

Andrew Moore



- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. *R*
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. *R*
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. *R*
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. *R*
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. *R*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of Peter (4:12-14; 5:6-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you

to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters through the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Hymn**

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

**2 Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,**

**thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**

**3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.**

GEORGE HERBERT | 593-1632 NEH 391/CP 494

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:1-11)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Vicar

*We stand to declare our faith.*

**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 Julia*

*These or other responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy (or)

**hear our prayer.**

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**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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**

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**

**His the sceptre, his the throne;**

**alleluia, his the triumph,**

**his the victory alone:**

**hark, the songs of peaceful Sion**

**thunder like a mighty flood;**

**Jesus out of every nation**

**hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans**

**are we left in sorrow now;**

**alleluia, he is near us,**

**faith believes, nor questions how:**

**though the cloud from sight received him,**

when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

**3 Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898 AMHS 422

## **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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
He is the one who has gone before us,

who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

*Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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**

**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.**

*Everyone is invited to come forward and receive communion.*

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

Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord always

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Notices of our life together are shared.*

### **❖ The Dismissal**

### **Dismissal Hymn**

**1 Let bells peal forth the universal fame,  
creator Lord, of thy mysterious name;  
conscience within, the boundless heavens above,  
disclose to faith the hidden name of Love.**

**2 Loudly proclaim with each insistent chime  
how thine eternity redeems our time;  
past sins forgiven, and future hopes restored,  
reveal thy presence with us, gracious Lord.**

**3 Spirit divine, re-cast our faulty ways,  
make them ring true and echo to thy praise;  
through every change of circumstance and choice  
may we confess thee with a single voice.**

**4 Call us to worship, call us to obey,  
call us to pilgrimage along life's way;  
rouse us from sleep; renewed in mind and heart,  
call us to love thee, Lord, since Love thou art.**

Peter Baels NEH 395 (tune: Woodlands CP 362)

## The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Voluntary

*McDowall - Church Bells Beyond The Stars*

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*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary.*

*There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.*

*Coffee is served today by Andrew & Yvonne*



*Tonight at 6.30pm at St Mary Magdalene:  
Evensong followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting*