



**Richmond  
Team Ministry**



# **Sung Eucharist**

## **11:00am**

**Patronal (Church) Festival**

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**WELCOME** to St John's this morning as we keep our  
Patronal (Church) Festival!



Today we gather with joy to celebrate our Patronal Festival, giving thanks for the life and witness of Saint John the Divine, the beloved disciple, evangelist, and theologian. John's Gospel invites us to encounter Jesus Christ as the eternal Word made flesh, the Light that shines in the darkness, the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep, and the source of life in all its fullness. His writings call us into a deeper relationship with God, rooted in love, truth, and faithful discipleship.

As we celebrate our patron saint, we also give thanks for the calling and ministry of this church. We are reminded that the Church is not simply a building but a community of people gathered by Christ, nourished at his table, and sent out to proclaim the Good News in word and action. Our Patronal Festival is both a celebration of our history and an opportunity to renew our commitment to the mission God has entrusted to us here in Richmond.

Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or are visiting us today, you are warmly welcome. We pray that in our worship you may encounter the living Christ, be strengthened by his presence in Word and Sacrament, and leave renewed in faith, hope, and love.

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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**  
*Meditation from Thais*

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

**1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.**

**3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore opprest,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest;  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**4 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.**

SAMUEL JOHN STONE (1832–1900)  
A&M 506

## **The Gathering**

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

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*A welcome is given by the presiding priest.*

## **The Penitential Act**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ. As we offer  
ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we  
renew our confidence and trust in his  
mercy. We confess together:

**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.**

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 Gloria**

*Refrain: **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!***

**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.** *Refrain*

**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.** *Refrain*

**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.** *Refrain*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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.  
(33.7–11a).*

Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

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

**Response: The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice.**

- 1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **R**
- 3 Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth saw it and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. **R**
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. Bow down before him, all you gods. **R**
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced,  
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods. **R**
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he preserves the lives of his faithful  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **R**

- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

## Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter of John(1.1).*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**1 Beloved John the Gospel heard and gave himself to Christ the Word, the Word made flesh of God's own will, the Word that dwells among us still.**

**2 Beloved John saw seven signs that showed Christ human and divine. And all who saw and then believed have from his fullness life received.**

**3 Beloved John the last meal shared when Jesus gathered them in prayer that as the Father and the Son we with and in him may be one.**

**4 Beloved John at Mary's side saw his Beloved crucified. but Easter Day he saw his Christ: the living Way, the Truth, the Life.**

**5 Beloved John, our guard and guide, as you in Christ are glorified may we be filled with truth and grace that we with you may see his face.**

Lauds Hymn for the Feast of St. John the Evangelist

*Gospel acclamation:*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

*A seasonal sentence is sung.*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

## **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (21.19b–end).

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Please sit.*

### **How to listen to a Sermon**

*A Sermon should give depth and understanding to church doctrine, shed light on the scriptures and help the hearer to understand the faith in light of current events. A sermon should stir, nerve, challenge and thrill the hearer into worship, mission and action. To get the most out of a sermon there are three points to consider:*

- **Believe that God has something to say to you.**  
*Don't get diverted by distractions or pre-occupations outside the service.*
- **Work out some point to take away with you.**  
*What has spoken to you and might be of real help to you in becoming more of a disciple.*
- **Turn the point of the sermon into a prayer and a commitment.**  
*In the silence that follows the sermon think about what you might resolve to do in daily living to become more fully the person God has called you to be.*

## 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

*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.*

*The presiding priest prays.*

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 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**2 See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?**

**3 Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.**

**4 Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.**

JOHN NEWTON (1725–1807)  
A&M 641

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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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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 who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**  
*Please kneel.*

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**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

## **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 sins 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: Lord, in thy mercy, Felix Mendelssohn*

## **Prayer after Holy Communion**

*We say together:*

**O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

## **The Notices**

*Information about our life together is shared.*

*We sing our **Final Hymn.***

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.**

**2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.**

**3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.**

**4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.**

*Doxology*

**Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.**

*Urbs beata Jerusalem (Latin, before 9th century)  
translated by JOHN MASON NEALE (1818–1866)*

## **The Blessing**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you now and always. **Amen.**

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

## **Postlude**

*from Fantasia in G major, BWV 572 J S Bach*

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH AFTER OUR  
WORSHIP!**