



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Eighth Sunday after Trinity!



Today's Gospel gathers together a series of small but vivid images: a mustard seed, yeast hidden in flour, treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net cast into the sea. Each reveals something of the kingdom of heaven - and each asks us to look again.

God's kingdom does not always arrive with noise, spectacle or obvious success. It may begin almost unnoticed: a tiny seed, a little yeast, a quiet act of faithfulness. Yet, in God's hands, small beginnings can grow beyond expectation, and what is hidden can transform everything around it. Jesus also speaks of treasure and a precious pearl. The kingdom is not simply one worthwhile thing among many; it is the discovery that changes the value of everything else. To find ourselves loved, forgiven and called by God is to encounter a joy worth rearranging our lives around. Finally, the net reminds us that the kingdom is wonderfully spacious, gathering fish of every kind. The work of judgement belongs to God, not to us. Our calling is not to decide who is worthy, but to cast the net widely and welcome generously.

As we worship today, may we recognise God's kingdom growing among us, treasure it with joy, and share its invitation freely.

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Prelude

Impromptu John E. West

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

**1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801–1890)
A&M 763

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.**

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 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.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments; that through your
most mighty protection, both here and
ever, we may be preserved in body and
soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, 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 first book of Kings.
(3.5–12).*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

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

Psalm 119.129–136

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

Response: Lead me, Lord, in the path of your commandments.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The opening of your word gives
light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

131 I open my mouth and draw in my
breath,
as I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your
name. **R**

133 Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion
over me.

134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments.
R

135 Show the light of your countenance
upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes run down with streams of
water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law. **R**

Second Reading

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans
(8.26-end).*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our
weakness; for we do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that very Spirit
intercedes with sighs too deep for
words. And God, who searches the heart,

knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for
good for those who love God, who are
called according to his purpose. For those
whom he foreknew he also predestined to
be conformed to the image of his Son, in
order that he might be the firstborn within
a large family. And those whom he
predestined he also called; and those
whom he called he also justified; and those
whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these
things? If God is for us, who is against
us? He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us, will he not
with him also give us everything
else? Who will bring any charge against
God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who
is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who
died, yes, who was raised, who is at the
right hand of God, who indeed intercedes
for us. Who will separate us from the love
of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or
peril, or sword? As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day
long;

we are accounted as sheep to be
slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved
us. For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to
separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**

**3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

JOHN KEBLE (1792–1866) and others
A&M 602

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 Matthew (13.31–33, 44–52).
Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the

birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Sermon

Please sit.

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.**

**1 My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.**

**2 Hail, sacred feast which Jesus
makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly
food.**

**3 Why are its bounties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's bread?**

**4 O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.**

PHILIP DODDRIDGE (1702–1751)
A&M 455

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is also a card reader by the door of the
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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 an anthem/motet.

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit; may the eyes
which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope; and may
the bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the fullness
of your life; glory to you for ever.
Amen.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

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

**I And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains
green?**

**And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?**

**2 Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.**

WILLIAM BLAKE (1757–1827)
A&M 576

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

Sortie Leon Boelmann

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER OUR WORSHIP