

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 16 August, 2026 – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist with Baptism of Henry Kotseras

Mass setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas

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

❖ The Gathering

Please stand as procession enters.

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 CP 2

Greeting

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated for informal words of welcome.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon: 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:

**Most merciful God,
father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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.

Gloria

Let us stand to praise God.

**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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 read by Yvonne

⁵⁶Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

- ¹ God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
² That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
⁷ God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

A reading from Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength, that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**3 Not forever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

Maria Willis 1824-1908 NEH 357/CP 416i

Please stand

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (15.21–28)

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ ²⁴ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ ²⁶ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁷ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

❖ The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The priest asks the congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Henry
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest says to Henry's parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Henry with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Henry begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him
to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The priest asks parents and godparents

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The sign of the cross is made on Henry's forehead.

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

The baptism party goes to the font and the congregation is invited to stand and turn to the font. Any young people who wish to come closer are welcome to do so.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

Henry, I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

written and read by Carole

These or other responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.

hear our prayer.

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

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the people of God'. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer another a sign of peace.

We turn to people to share God's Peace.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Hymn during which the altar is prepared.

Offertory Hymn

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.**

**2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**4 But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**5 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**6 There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

**7 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

FW Faber 1814-63 CP 598i

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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them saying:
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.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.**

If you are a visitor, and receive communion in another church, whether it is in the Church of England or another denomination, please feel welcome to receive communion at this service. If you prefer, please come to receive a blessing instead, and bring this booklet as a sign to the priest.

Communion Hymn

**1 Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured,
Saved by that body, hallowed by that blood,
Whereby refreshed we render thanks to God.**

**2 Salvation's giver, Christ the only Son,
By that his cross and blood the victory won.
Offered was he for greatest and for least:
Himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.**

**3 Victims were offered by the law of old,
That, in a type, celestial mysteries told.
He, Ransomer from death and Light from shade,
Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.**

**4 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the safeguard of salvation here.
He that in this world rules his saints and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields:**

**5 With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow
All nations at the doom, is with us now.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Banns of marriage are read and notices are shared.

The baptismal candidate receives a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.
**Shine as a light to the world,
to the glory of God the Father.**

❖ The Dismissal

Please stand

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold your Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

Richard Baxter 1615-1691 and others NEH 475The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn

**3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!**

**4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise!**

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, be with you and those whom you love, now and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary,
then stay for coffee and chance to meet friends, old and new.*

Today coffee is served by Dolly & Elaine

To give for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.

Next service at St Mary Magdalene: tonight at 6.30pm
Compline