

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

*Sunday 23rd August, 2026 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

*Mass setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas*

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

**❖ The Gathering**

*Please stand as procession enters.*

**New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power, and thought.**

**2 New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**3 If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**4 The trivial round, the common task,  
would furnish all we ought to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

## 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**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 5.1-6 read by Maia

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.
- <sup>3</sup> In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**A reading from Romans 12.1-8**

<sup>12</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in

proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;  
<sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence;  
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!**

**It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.**

**2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.**

**3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.**

**4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.**

**5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**6 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16.13-20)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Let us stand to declare our faith in God.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*written and read by Elspeth*

*These or other responses may be used*

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|-------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| Lord, in your mercy     | (or) | Lord, hear us.                   |
| <b>hear our prayer.</b> |      | <b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b> |

*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.*

**Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**2 Jesus Christ, the Man for others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
help us love – as sisters, brothers –  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love the world may see.**

**3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
never more to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
God, through us your love make known.**

## 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

**Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.**

**2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind!**

**3 O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!  
How good to those who seek!**

**4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but His loved ones know.**

**5 Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.**

Latin c 12th century, Tr Edward Caswall 1814-78, NEH 385

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of 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 Dismissal

*Please stand*

## Dismissal Hymn

**Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
let there be light.**

**2 Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind,  
let there be light.**

**3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**4 Blessèd and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world far and wide,  
let there be light!**

J Marriott 1780-1825 NEH 466/CP 267

## **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 Pat & Yvonne*

*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**