



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

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The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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



On this Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, the Gospel takes us to Caesarea Philippi, a place crowded with competing powers, temples and claims to authority. There, Jesus asks his disciples a question which still lies at the heart of Christian faith: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter answers with sudden clarity: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” His confession is not simply the right answer to a religious question; it is the foundation of a life transformed by Christ. Peter is named the rock, entrusted with the keys of the kingdom, and called to share in God’s work of opening doors, loosening burdens and setting people free. Yet Peter is not chosen because he is flawless. The Gospels show him to be impulsive, frightened and sometimes mistaken. The Church is built not upon human perfection, but upon God’s grace working through ordinary and fallible people.

Today, Christ asks each of us the same question. Not, “What do others say about me?” but, “Who do you say that I am?” Our answer is given not only in the Creed, but in the pattern of our lives: in our worship, our choices, our forgiveness, our courage, and our love. May this Eucharist deepen our confession and renew our discipleship.

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Prelude

The organ is played before our worship.

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

**I Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or
when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!**

Lobe den Herren
JOACHIM NEANDER (1650–1680)
translated by CATHERINE WINKWORTH (1827–1878)
A&M 765

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 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

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

*A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.
(51.1-6).*

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

Psalm 138

*The Psalm appointed for the day is read by the priest, with the congregation reading the verses in **bold**.*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 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.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 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.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (12.1-8).

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.

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.

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. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 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.

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

**I Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God most high:
for ever be adored
that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength
may fail, the saints of God at last
prevail.**

**2 O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ;
for of thy church, Lord, thou didst
own thy saint a true foundation-
stone.**

**3 Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
the bitter lesson learnt,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**4 O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go where thou shalt
call.**

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW (1823–1867)
A&M 321

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A seasonal sentence is sung.

Alleluia, 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 (16.13-20).
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 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. 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. 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.' 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

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 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL (1836–1879)
A&M 787

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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, music is played.

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside
our sin 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.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

We sing our **Final Hymn.**

**I To God be the glory, great things he has
done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his
Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has
done!***

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood!**

**To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness
receives.**

**3 Great things he has taught us, great
things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we
see.**

FANNY CROSBY, (FRANCES JANE VAN ALSTYNE) (1820–
1915)
A&M 818

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

The organ is played.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER OUR WORSHIP!