



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



A very warm welcome to St John's as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist on the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

We welcome today Guest Soprano, Nina Kopparhed.

In today's Gospel, Matthew 22.1–14, Jesus speaks of a king who prepares a wedding banquet. It is a picture of God's generous invitation: the doors are opened, the guests are gathered, and the feast is ready. Yet this challenging parable also asks how we respond. Receiving God's welcome means allowing that welcome to shape our lives, clothing ourselves in love, mercy and justice.

Our church looks rather different this morning! The staging and lighting for the Orange Tree Theatre's production of T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* are now in place. Over the next few Sundays, we will need to be creative in how we worship within our newly arranged space. Please bear with us as we navigate unfamiliar routes, adapt familiar routines, and discover what works best.

Amid these changes, we continue to gather around Word and Sacrament, receiving Christ's gifts and offering our praise. May this unusual season deepen our hospitality, patience and imagination, reminding us that God's invitation reaches beyond familiar surroundings. Wherever we find ourselves sitting, there is a place for us at Christ's table.

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St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.***

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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
Tiento in the First Tone

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

**1 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy-seat
in depths of burning light!**

**2 How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!**

**3 How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless
power,
and awful purity!**

**4 O how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee with trembling
hope
and penitential tears!**

**5 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.**

**6 No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.**

**7 Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie
and gaze and gaze on thee!**

James Turle (1802-1882)
A&M 729

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.

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases and
whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to
receive the gifts of your love, new every
morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

Fist Reading

*A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.
(25.1-9).*

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry
place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will
make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 106. 1-6, 19-23

*The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the
St John's Singers.*

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord :
or shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgement :
and do righteousness.

4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour
that thou bearest unto thy people : O visit me
with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and
rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give
thanks with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers : we have
done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

19 They made a calf in Horeb : and worshipped
the molten image.

20 Thus they turned their glory : into the
similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

21 And they forgot God their Saviour : who had
done so great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham : and
fearful things by the Red sea.

23 So he said, he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in
the gap : to turn away his wrathful indignation,
lest he should destroy them.

Second Reading

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians
(4.1-9).*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom
I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my
beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of
the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask
you also, my loyal companion, help these
women, for they have struggled beside me
in the work of the gospel, together with
Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the
peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true,
whatever is honourable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy
of praise, think about these things. Keep
on doing the things that you have learned
and received and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

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

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**I Ye servants of God, your Master
proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall
sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.**

**4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels
above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
A&M A27

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 (22.1-14).

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in
parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave a
wedding banquet for his son. He sent his
slaves to call those who had been invited
to the wedding banquet, but they would
not come. Again he sent other slaves,
saying, "Tell those who have been invited:

Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen
and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready; come to the
wedding banquet." But they made light of
it and went away, one to his farm, another
to his business, while the rest seized his
slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.
The king was enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned
their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The
wedding is ready, but those invited were
not worthy. Go therefore into the main
streets, and invite everyone you find to
the wedding banquet." Those slaves went
out into the streets and gathered all
whom they found, both good and bad; so
the wedding hall was filled with guests.
'But when the king came in to see the
guests, he noticed a man there who was
not wearing a wedding robe, and he said
to him, "Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?" And he was
speechless. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and
throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'

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

Sermon

Please sit.

Post sermon reflective music:

G.F. Handel *God's tender mercy*

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.

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the people of God'.

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 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received
him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

William Chatterton Dix(1837-1898)
A&M 422

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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.

During the distribution of Holy Communion:

Benedictus from Little Organ Mass, Haydn

*Earth with her Ten Thousand Flowers,
Norwegian Melody arr. Philip Noman*

Prayer after Holy Communion

We say together:

**Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

We sing our **Final Hymn.**

Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:

3 His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:

**5 Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home:
*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!***

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Allegro Maestoso e vivace
Felix Mendelssohn

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 1st November

ALL SAINTS

I I am Sung Eucharist at St John the Divine

ALL SOULS

6:30pm Team Service

With the recitation of names of the faithful departed.

Saturday 28th November

ADVENT QUIET DAY 10am-4pm

Led by the Rev'd Dr Simon Cuff, Rector of St Mary-le-Bow in the City of London.

Further details to follow.

Saturday 12th December

Carols by Candlelight at St John the Divine

6pm