

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
Richmond Team Ministry

Sunday 17 January 2021 Second Sunday of Epiphany

❖ **The Gathering**

organ music

Welcome

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

You are invited to light a candle, if it is safe to do so, to remind us of God's presence with us, wherever we are.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us come to the Lord
and renew our faith in his promises by confessing our sins.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

❖ The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from Revelation (5:1-10) *read by Julia*

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:43-end).

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'

Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A short address

God of life,

like a promised land, you invite us to leave our frantic ways;
like a banquet-laden table, you bid us to restore our empty spirits;
like a pool of still waters, you call us to cease our crowded living;
like a bright and shining star, you lead us and restore our lives of wonder.

Amen.

Organ music

Affirmation of Faith

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

We 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?

We 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?

We 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.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers for our world, our community and for those we love, written and read by
Bleddyn*

❖ The Dismissal

Blessing

Please stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and all whom you love, this day and always.

Amen.

Voluntary

Buxtehude Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn (BuxWV 192)