

# Communion by Extension

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## Richmond Team Ministry – St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 28 November 2021 Advent 1

Minister: Ruth Martin, Reader

Mass setting: St Anne, James MacMillan

### ❖ The Gathering

#### Advent Prose

*The choir sing the first verse of the Advent Prose.*

*Please stand*

#### Introit Hymn

**Come, thou long-expected David's,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**3 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**4 By thine own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 NEH 3

*The minister greets the congregation*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Advent candle

*The first Advent Candle is lit and the following prayer is said together.*

**Lord David's, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Introduction

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of Saint Luke we read:

At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We have come together in our Father's presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy Word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to ask his forgiveness of our sins.

In union with those who have celebrated the Eucharist in the Richmond Team, we seek God's grace in Holy Communion. For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup in obedience to his command, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray.

## The Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready  
to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ❖ The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah (33:14-16) *read by Julia*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians (3:9-end) *read by Julia*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual hymn**

**The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.**

**2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.**

**3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.**

**4 The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy name.**

**5 For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36).

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

## **Sermon**

Ruth Martin

*Please stand*

## **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.**

*written and read by Anna*

**Prayers of Intercession**

*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**

In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and particularly with our brothers and sisters within the Richmond Team, who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We turn to people to quietly wish them God's Peace by offering a smile.*

## **Hymn**

*During this hymn the reserved sacrament will be placed on the altar.*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*The following shall be read from the lectern: Luke 24:30-34 They recognised him in the breaking of bread.*

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!'

**Blessed are you, God of those who hunger and thirst,  
for you give us our food in due season.  
You nourish us with your word, which is the bread of life.  
You strengthen us with your Spirit,  
the new wine of your Kingdom.  
In Christ you are food for the hungry,  
refreshment for the weary.  
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.  
Blessed be God for ever.**

*Please be seated.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The minister moves to the Holy Table and says*

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord's command.

These holy gifts have been brought to us that we too may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

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 not, 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 minister.*

*During the distribution of communion, the choir sing the anthem 'A tender shoot' by Goldschmidt.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Notices are shared.*

## ❖ The Dismissal

### Dismissal Hymn

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.**

**2 Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**3 Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes.  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**4. Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**5. Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in every mouth;  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the sons of earth be blest.**

## Dismissal

*We say together*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Voluntary

*J.S. Bach Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)*

*Please be seated to listen to the voluntary and then follow the instructions from the churchwarden to leave the church.*

*There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.*

**Sunday 28 November**

**6.30pm Advent Procession**

*Music and readings for the beginning of Advent*

**Saturday 4 December**

**12.30pm Organ Recital**

*David Thomas, Llandaff Cathedral*

**4pm Children's Service**

*Feast of St Nicholas – who will be the child bishop?*