



Sunday 30 July 2023, 10am  
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

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Community Choir

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 Common Worship

## Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following access information.

**Welcome** whether you are joining us today in our building or online. Our cameras focus on those who are leading our service, but if you are in the building and would like to ensure that you are not caught on camera, please sit beyond the pillars on the south of the church (to the right as you enter).

**Welcome** if you are disabled, unwell, have experiences of dementia, physical, sensory, cognitive or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online or large print copies are available. The hearing loop works best on the south side of the church. Step-free access to church is via the ramp on the north side, and to the Crypt and Hall via lifts in the NW porch and Pavilion.

**Welcome** to babies, children and young people. We understand that young children make noise. If your baby becomes upset during the service, you are welcome to go to the back of church if needed to settle — or to our children's church room. We support breastfeeding in services; we also have a room allocated if preferred. We have children's church groups during the service (currently alternate weeks) and a monthly group for teenagers after Sunday morning worship.

**Welcome** to anyone with a need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email [safeguarding@smitf.org](mailto:safeguarding@smitf.org)

**Welcome** to all experiences of race, culture and language. At the Lord's Prayer all are invited to bring the gift of our first language to our worship. Our 1.30pm is in Cantonese: our welcomers are happy to help where they can if you are new to English. You are also very welcome if you are LGBTQIA+.

**Welcome** if you are agnostic or are from a faith tradition different from Christianity.

**Welcome** if you are wary of faith. **Welcome** if you're exploring. **Welcome** if you are here to support someone else. If you would like to explore what you believe in a friendly and non-judgemental group, our Being With Courses run throughout the year online and in the building. Email [being-with@smitf.org](mailto:being-with@smitf.org) for more details.

**You are welcome to share our meal with God.** When we come to Holy Communion, we receive bread in the form of a wafer, then wine from a common cup. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available in the south aisle. If you need to receive in your seat please let a welcomer know and the ministers will come to you. If you do not want to or cannot receive bread or wine for whatever reason you are welcome to let the priest know you would like to receive a simple prayer for blessing, or to stay in your seat. We welcome your ideas and help for us to become a more welcoming community.

**We are glad you are here.**

# The Gathering

Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We acknowledge God's presence drawing each of us into one body as we gather on site and online.*

Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.

*All* **Though in many places, we are united as one body.  
Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
now fulfil thy church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.**
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;  
from the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.**
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

*continued...*

**4 Set our feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces  
in the fight till all be free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not earth nor thee.**

*Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

### Confession

Lord, we come to you knowing that we are worried and distracted by so many things. Let us confess the ways we have rejected God's ways and followed another path.

*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

# Gloria in Excelsis

*f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly king, al-migh - ty God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your  
*mp*  
glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -  
*Org.*  
ceive our prayer.  
*f*  
For You a-lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the  
most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
*ff*  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - -  
-men, a - - - - men.

## Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kings 3: 5-12 *read by Valentina Chan*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 8: 26-end *read by Eugene Ling*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Gospel Hymn

**1 King of Glory, King of Peace,  
I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.**

*continued...*

**2**    **Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

Gospel Reading    Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Hymn *continued*

- 3** **Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.**

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing *Trad arr. E. Logan*

*Please stand.*

Nicene Creed

- All* **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 sit or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Michael Angus*

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*And, at the end:*

Merciful Father,

*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*A collection will be taken for the work of this church during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate using:*

- cash in the collection bags filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable*
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## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, through Jesus your Son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

*A musical interlude may be played on the organ before the final verse is sung*

- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), vers. Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

## The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are received from the congregation and placed upon it. The financial gifts of the people are gathered and presented with the following prayer:*

**All Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Sovereign God, you foreknew us, before the universe was created. In Abraham and Moses you called us to be your people. You predestined us through the power of your Holy Spirit to be conformed to the image of your crucified and risen Son. In Jesus you justified us by your grace, and on the last day you will glorify us to live with you forever. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Org. *f*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po-wer and

*ff*  
might. Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Org. *p*  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

*pp*  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You, Lord God, are like a merchant who sacrifices everything because you above all want us, your pearl, buried in the world's field. And in that field also you grow grain and grape to feed us from your heart now and forever. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your likeness, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Everlasting God, you have promised that nothing can separate us from your love. Be with your children who know hardship, distress, or persecution; visit your beloved who experience famine, nakedness, peril, sword; abide with us in death, as in life; give us nothing to fear from angels or rulers, from things present, or things to come; keep us in your heart in the face of powers, or height, or depth, or anything else in all creation. Knowing that you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us, inscribe in us faith that you will with him bestow upon us everything else as well. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, and intercedes with sighs too deep for words, Father of all, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our first language:

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,**

on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours  
 now and for ever.  
 Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

You take us and bless us and sometimes you break us

*All* **That through us your life may be shared with your people.**

### Agnus Dei

The musical score for Agnus Dei is written on four staves in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace." The dynamics are marked as *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *pp* (pianissimo).

### The Giving of Communion

In Christ God turns scarcity to abundance. Come enter the abundance of the kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Bread and wine are available in the central and side aisles. Gluten-*

*free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle. If you wish to receive Communion in your seat do let a steward know.*

Communion Anthem *Dona nobis pacem Trad.*

*Silence is kept.*

The Prayer after Communion

*All* **Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears that have heard thy word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues that have sung thy praise be free from deceit; may the eyes that have seen the tokens of thy love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies that have been fed with thy body be refreshed with the fullness of thy life; glory be to thee for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

*Please stand.*

Blessing

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 among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

**1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
knows and names them as they shine!**

*continued...*

- 2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know;  
those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and power laid low.**
- 3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.**
- 4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
peace and plenty crown your days;  
love his laws, declare his judgments,  
walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children:  
praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) from Psalm 147*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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