



Sunday 13 August 2023, 10am  
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

Presider  
Revd Angela Sheard

Preacher  
Revd Richard Carter

with the baptisms of  
Leo Sarhangian, Eliot Gondry Tang,  
Karen Lui, Philip Pong, Ryan Cheuk,  
and Sandra Lee

St Martin's Voices

Directed by  
Jennifer Sterling

Organist  
Polina Sosnina

Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

## 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 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the mighty one.**
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) from Luke 1: 46-55*

*Please sit.*

## Introduction

Baptism is the end of the old life we live for ourselves, and the beginning of the new life we live for God. When the Israelites escaped from Egypt, God parted the sea and led the people to freedom. All that held the people in slavery was drowned. Jesus' death on Good Friday echoes the Israelites' descent into the sea. In raising Jesus from the tomb, God brings Jesus out of the sea, leaving sin and death engulfed behind him. When we are baptised, God brings these stories to life in us. God takes away the power of all that oppresses us, and we are born again in the Spirit. We are made members of the body of Christ, to share Christ's sufferings and inherit God's glory. We begin a life of service, to God and the good creation. We join a new family, everlasting and universal: the communion of saints.

## Prayer

*All* **Father God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround us with your love; protect us from evil; fill us with your Holy Spirit; and restore us in the family of your Church; that we may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.**

*The parents, godparents and sponsors gather at the legillum.*

## Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?

*All* **With God's help, we will.**

Parents, godparents and sponsors, will you pray for Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, draw them into the community of faith, help them take their places in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

**With God's help, we will.**

## Making Our Decision to Follow Christ

*To the parents, godparents and sponsors*

Baptism means turning from the darkness of sin to the light of Christ. I now ask you three times if you are resolved to turn from despair to hope, from death to life.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of all your sins?

**I repent of all my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

*Please stand.*

*The Baptism party goes to the font during the chant. Children and other members of the congregation are invited to join them.*

Baptism Music Think of how God loves you *MacMillan*

## Renewing the Outward Sign of Inward Faith

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we recall our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share with the saints in his resurrection to new life; that having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain forever in the number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*To the parents, godparents, sponsors, and to the whole congregation*  
Now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which we are baptised, and in which we live and grow.

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

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Son.**

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?

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, for you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you he lived and showed God's love. For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary, and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished'. For you he triumphed over death, and rose to new life. For you he reigns at God's right hand. All this he did for you, though you do not know it yet.

## Baptism

*The minister baptises the candidates, Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, in turn.*

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Signing

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on the candidates for baptism with holy oil.*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

*The minister invites the parents, godparents and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross.*

All the leaders of Israel, prophets, priests and kings, were anointed to signify the start of their ministry. Jesus also, who was Israel's prophet, priest and king, was baptised by John at the start of his ministry. This is the start of another ministry. Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, we anoint you with holy oil, making the sign of the cross, the seal of salvation.

**All Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola*

## Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Leo, Eliot, Karen, Philip, Ryan, and Sandra, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the Lord's family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God. We welcome you.**

## Giving of Light

God has delivered us from darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

*All* **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

Baptism Music Think of how God loves you *MacMillan*

*Please remain standing. Please turn to face the Gospel in the centre aisle.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Give us the Wings of Faith *Whitbourn*

*Please remain seated or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Fiona MacMillan*

*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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **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*
- select amount and tap the card machines brought by the stewards*
- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message).*
- by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone*





## Offertory Hymn

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**
- 2 O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.**

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

*continued...*

**5 O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

## 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:*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.  
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.**

It is right to lift our hearts to you, almighty God, for your spirit brooded over the waters before the foundation of the world, your pillar of fire led your people to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea, and your Son Jesus came to his disciples across the stormy waves of the Sea of Galilee. In his agonising death we see how far away we stray from you, and in his resurrection we see how you draw us close despite our betrayals and failures. We long for the day when all the saints will adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea, 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

*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

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

We thank and praise you, Lord God, because in Jesus you come to us, call us to you, lift us up when we fear and fail and fall, and stay with us through the storm. 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 promise us the righteousness that comes from faith, and you assure us that everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Be close to all who struggle to believe, make yourself known to any who have never heard, empower those who are called to proclaim, and bless the ones you have sent. Visit those who are hungry: be among them as the bread of life. Comfort any who are thirsty: restore them with your fountain of living water. Strengthen all who are at sea in the trials and travails of life: come to them across the waters and make your home with them. 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

*All* **You take us and bless us and sometimes you break us  
that through us your life may be shared with your people.**

## Agnus Dei

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 Giving of Communion

Taste and see. Happy is the one who finds strength in Christ, our living bread. Come, he has called you to be the bearer of his presence to all. Come and follow him.

*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 O Jesu Christ, mein Lebens Licht J. S. Bach

*Silence is kept.*

## The Prayer after Communion

**All God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness;  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3 Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, earth restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

*continued...*

**4 Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
thy victory shall be won;  
and then, by earth and heaven,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

*Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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