



Sunday 10 September 2023, 10am  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

President  
Revd Richard Carter

Assisted by  
Rt Revd Dr John Armes

Preacher  
Revd Dr Sam Wells

with the baptism of  
Wilfred Jack Harris

Soloist  
Laura Newey

Organist  
Benjamin Frost

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 Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.**

**2 Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim,  
stepping fearless through the night.**

**3 One the light of God's own presence  
o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
brightening all the path we tread;**

**4 One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires:**

**5 One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love for evermore.**

*Igjennem Nat og Traengsel Bernhardt Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

*Please sit.*

## Introduction    Revd Richard Carter

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 and godparents gather at the legillum.*

## Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Wilfred Jack and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, will you pray for Wilfred Jack, draw him into the community of faith, help him take his place in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

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

## Making Our Decision to Follow Christ

*To the parents and godparents*

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 Veni Sancte Spiritus

## 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 and godparents 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.**

Wilfred Jack, 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

Wilfred Jack, 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 candidate for baptism with holy oil.*

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

*The minister invites the parents and godparents to sign the candidate 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. Wilfred Jack, 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: Wilfred Jack, 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.**

*Children gather at the north east door during the Baptism music to go to Children's Church.*

Baptism Music Veni Sancte Spiritus

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 15-20

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

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

Jesus said, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem A Grateful Heart Plumstead



*Please stand.*

We say the General Thanksgiving as found in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

*All* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people;**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we shew forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives;  
by giving up ourselves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost  
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Wendy Quill*

*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*
- 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.**

*continued...*

**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*

**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 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.**

We glorify and enjoy you now and forever, gracious God, because you created the universe as your work of art, and set us in the midst of it. When the canvas of your kindness was torn by our sin, you crafted a work of even more depth and beauty from the damage we had done. When your Son's body was scarred and pierced you raised him to glorious life. In your chosen people you drew out a song of thankfulness and praise, and in your church you give us voices to shout and dance and sculpt and inscribe the wonders of your love. And so we rejoice to join 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.

We lift our hearts to you, Lord God, because you draw your whole creation into the celebration of your glory. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that every part of every one of us might become an instrument of your peace. Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine and make them be 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.**

God of justice, make us a prophetic people, whose every work and every act is a proclamation of the new order found in you and worthy of your kingdom. Holy God, make us a priestly people, whose lives are so transparent with your truth that we become a place of encounter between you and your beloved children. Reigning God, make us a kingly people, whose hearts are filled with worship and wonder, and who seek to bring every one of your gifts to fruition in the power of your Spirit. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever.

*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

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

This is Christ's body, broken for you. Enter into the joy of his risen life.  
**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 O God of Sorrow *Lole*

*Silence is kept.*

The Prayer after Communion

*All* **God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Focus on Finance

*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 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.**

*continued...*

- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.**
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary



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