



Sunday 29 October 2023, 10am



A fresco from the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Giotto

A Parish Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints

President
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
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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

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 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

Introit Holy is the True Light *Harris*

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict, from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

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 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, *Alleluia.*
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 2 O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, *Alleluia.*
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

continued...

- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings to us and set our eyes on Jesus who leads us into life.

Silence is kept.

Lord you give us the gift of faith, but we are afraid to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The choir sings Kyrie eleison Victoria

Lord, you call us to lives of holiness, but we refuse your blessing.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The choir sings Christe eleison.

You surround us with many witnesses; but we do not welcome their company.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The choir sings Kyrie eleison.

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.**

Children gather at the north east door during the Gloria to go to Children's Church.

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The key signature changes from one flat (F major) to three flats (B-flat major) in the fifth staff. The lyrics are: "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 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 - ceive our prayer." The word "Org." is written above the final staff, indicating the organ part.

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For You a-lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone
 most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *ff* A - men, a -
 -men, a - - - - - men.

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Revelation 7: 9-17 *read by Mel Adams*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed

me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-3 *read by Michael Angus*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel in the centre aisle.

Gospel Hymn

**1 Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.**

**2 One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.**

**3 One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 4 E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.**
- 5 Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide
and bring us safe to heaven.**

Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and others

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem And I saw a new heaven *Bainton*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Please stand.

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Jim Sikorski*

The response to the prayers is:

God of saints and sinners, the living and the dead

All **In your mercy, 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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the kingdom of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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).*
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Offertory Hymn

**1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest: Alleluia.**

continued...

- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light: *Alleluia.*
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine.
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: *Alleluia.*
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong: *Alleluia.*
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest: *Alleluia.*
- 6 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia.*

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

- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: *Alleluia.*

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

To you we come, Father of lights with angels and saints, where
heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of bread.

All **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.**

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes that go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and 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.

Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may 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.**

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own preferred 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia'. The Lord our God has entered into the kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to share the supper of the Lamb.

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 quam gloriosum Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum
in quo Christo gaudent omnes sancti!
Amicti stolis albis
Agnum sequuntur quocunque ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

Silence is kept.

The Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God give us grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love. 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 Thanks be O God for your saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.**
- 2 Thanks be O God for your blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**
- 3 Thanks be O God for the years that are yet in your keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**

continued...

**4 Thanks be O God, you have called us and daily defend us;
you with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriend us;
now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to your service you send us.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary Psalm Preludes, Set 1, No.1 *Howells*

Prayers for healing are available at the altar rail after the service.

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