



Sunday 17 March 2024, 1.30pm  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

# The Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation

Presider and Preacher  
Rt Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields  
and the Choir of the Chinese  
Congregation

Directed by  
Jennifer Sterling

Organist  
Phoebe Tak Man Chow

Setting  
St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

⊕ Common Worship

## Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following access information. Toilet access is available, please ask a welcomer.

**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.**

# **Baptism and Confirmation Candidates**

## **To be Baptised**

**Kam Chit Han Kwok**

## **To be Confirmed**

**Sally Black  
Martin Brindle  
Anne Carpenter  
Ka Ki Chan  
Calight Fung  
Felicity Hellrung  
Ka Wai Ringo Ho  
Kwok Wing Kwan  
Kam Chit Han Kwok  
Hiu Wan Lau  
Ka Ki Lui  
Pauline Lui  
Rebecca Macnair  
Pang Han Ng  
Siu Ngan Ng  
Sze Nga Ng  
Lai Lai Lily Tjhi  
Chris Wale**

# The Gathering

Welcome Revd Dr Sam Wells

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

Processional Anthem Lent Prose

*'Attende, Domine', anonymous Latin from the Mozarabic Breviary (5th to 8th century),  
compiled by Dom Pothier (fl.1824)*

## 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.**

## The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please remain standing.*

## Gospel Hymn

**1 Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*continued...*

**2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

Gospel Reading John 12: 20-33 *read in Cantonese by Eugene  
Ling*

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**3 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Rt Revd Dr Jo Bailey Wells

Anthem Peace to you, sisters, brothers *Victor Chan*  
*sung in English and Cantonese*

Peace to you, sisters, brothers, peace that no words define, Christ keep you safe in spirit, Christ Jesus in you shine! These are the things to ponder, these things deserve our praise: All that is true with honour, all that will claim our trust, all that stands tall and steadfast, all that is fair and just. These are the things to ponder, these things deserve our praise: All that is pure of being, all that no wrongs distort, luminous things and lovely, all things of good report, these are the things to ponder, these things deserve our praise.

*Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020) tr. Chiang Wai Man*

Testimony

## Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

*The Bishop asks the candidate for baptism*

Do you wish to be baptised? **I do.**

*The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? **I have.**

*The Bishop addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those who are being called. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

*Please stand. During the singing of the hymn the Bishop and candidates make their way to the font. The congregation turns to the font.*

## Hymn

- 1 **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**
  
- 2 **Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

*The Bishop addresses the candidate to be baptised and the candidates to be confirmed.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?	<b>I turn to Christ.</b>
Do you repent of your sins?	<b>I repent of my sins.</b>
Do you renounce evil?	<b>I renounce evil.</b>

## Signing with the Cross

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism, saying*

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

## 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 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.**

Kam Chit Han, 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

Kam Chit Han, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Bishop sprinkles water on those to be confirmed.*

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop and candidates process back to the front of the church down the central aisle during the final verse of the hymn.*



Hymn *continued*

- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

*The congregation sits. The candidates kneel and stand in two rows at the altar rail.*

Confirmation

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says*

All Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

All Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says*

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The Bishop addresses each candidate by name and anoints them with oil of Chrism, saying*

N, God has called you by name and you have been made God's own.

*The Bishop then lays hands on the head of each with the words*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant N, with your Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid.*

*All* **Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

*The Bishop proceeds to the legilium with the candidates behind her. The congregation stands.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

*All* **We welcome you in the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

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 My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**

*continued...*

- 2** He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend.
- 3** Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.
- 4** Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.
- 5** They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

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

*continued...*

**6 Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

*Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)*

## Preparation of the Table 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:*

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## 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.**

God of life and new life, in liberating Israel from slavery you confirmed the children of Abraham as your people, and in the covenant at Sinai you confirmed your purpose to be their companion forever. In Jesus you confirmed your decision never to be except to be with us in sacrificial love, and in sending the Holy Spirit you confirmed all your promises that had come true in Christ. In baptism you call us your beloved daughters and sons, a gift we could never give ourselves, and in confirmation you grace us with the unfailing hope that we shall always belong to you. And so in the company of saints and angels and all the heavenly throng, we remember whose we are as we join in the song of your eternal glory.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

5  
God of power and might,

9  
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

13  
- san - na in the high - est.

17  
Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who

21  
comes in the name of the Lord Ho -

25  
- san - na in the high - est Ho -

29  
san - na in the high - est.

God of so much more than we ask or imagine, in the transformation of bread and wine you portray the way you bring us to fullness of life beyond anything we could ever make of ourselves, and in this meal you sit us at table with you and give us the food of eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit on this fruit of the earth and human hands that they 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.

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*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

God in whom the future is always bigger than the past, you have equipped your saints for ministry and mission, and you never send us out without empowering us for the tasks you set before us. To those who are bewildered send wisdom; to the confused, give understanding; upon the lonely, bestow counsel; for the weak, provide inward strength; to those whose faith is fragile, give knowledge; and to the confident, bring true fear of you. Clothe your children with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, and above all bind your people with love in perfect harmony; until the church becomes your kingdom and your kingdom becomes your church, and you are all in all, 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

In the broken body of Christ

*All* **We find our peace with God.**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
5 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the  
9 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
13 Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world,  
17 grant us peace

## Giving of Communion

Come, enter the broken heart of God.

*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 God so loved the world *Stainer*

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen.

*John 3: 16-17*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*During the opening verses of the hymn lighted candles are given to those confirmed, who follow the Bishop in pairs as she proceeds down the aisle. The choir remains in the stalls.*

### Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Christ triumphant ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Chorus***

*continued...*



- 3 **Suffering servant, scorned, ill–treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***
- 4 **Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Chorus***
- 5 **So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Chorus***

*Michael Seward (1932–2015)*

## Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The Bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of 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.**

## Blessing Anthem Irish Blessing *Bob Chilcott*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you, ever in the palm of his hand.

*Trad.*

*The Bishop and candidates proceed out, followed by the cross, choir and clergy.*

## Organ Voluntary





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