



Sunday 12 May 2024, 10am  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

# The Eucharist

Presider  
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher  
Revd Dr Sam Wells

with the baptisms of  
Sara Shankar Riley and  
Isha Shankar Riley

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Organist  
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Mass Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ 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 a children's church group during the service and a fortnightly youth group for teenagers on Sundays at 3.30pm

**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

Introit *Coelos ascendit hodie Stanford*

*Coelos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus Rex Gloriam: sedet ad Patris dexteram, gubernat coelum et terram. Iam finem habent omnia Patris Davidis carmina. Iam Dominus cum Domino sedet in Dei solio: In hoc triumpho maximo benedicamus Domino. Laudetur Sancta Trinitas, Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia. Amen.*

*From Three Latin Motets*

Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*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 Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia*,  
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia*,  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia*,  
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!***

**2 There for him high triumph waits; *Alleluia*,  
lift your heads, eternal gates. *Alleluia*,  
He hath conquered death and sin; *Alleluia*,  
take the King of Glory in. *Alleluia!***

**3 Lo, the heaven its Lord receives, *Alleluia*,  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; *Alleluia*,  
though returning to his throne, *Alleluia*,  
still he calls humankind his own. *Alleluia!***

**4 See, he lifts his hands above; *Alleluia*,  
see, he shews the prints of love; *Alleluia*,  
hark, his gracious lips bestow *Alleluia*,  
blessings on his church below. *Alleluia!***

*continued...*

**5 Lord, though parted from our sight, *Alleluia*,  
far above the starry height, *Alleluia*,  
grant our hearts may thither rise, *Alleluia*,  
seeking thee above the skies. *Alleluia!***

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others*

*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 Sara and Isha and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, will you pray for Sara and Isha, 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 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 Anthem Think of how God loves you *James MacMillan*

Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are. You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptised. Alleluia!

*Baptismal song, 1 John 3: 1 and from the baptismal rite*

## 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.**

Sara and Isha, 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

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

Isha, 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 and godparents 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. Sara and Isha, 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.**

## Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Sara and Isha, 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 following anthem to go to Children's Church.*

Baptism Anthem Think of how God loves you *James MacMillan*

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

## The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading John 17: 6-19

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

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

Jesus said, 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I

guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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 Let all the World in Every Corner Sing *Sally Albrecht*

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing. Alleluia, raise a song on high. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing. Lift up your voice. Alleluia, rejoice. Sing praises up to the heavens. Sing praises up to the sky. Sing alleluia. Lift your voices. Raise a song on high. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing...

*Sally Albrecht (b. 1954)*

*Please remain seated or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by a member of the congregation*

*The response to the prayers is:*

God of love,

*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

God has made us one in Christ. He has called us to be the witnesses of his love and promised to send us the Comforter, the Spirit, which will lead us into all truth.

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 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of that mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

*continued...*

- 3 Crown him the Lord of Love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

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

- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

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:*

Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth. As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and forever.

*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.**

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for your world. In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart, and in his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection of that purpose and love. Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb, in his resurrection you invited us into the company of your eternal joy, and in his ascension on high you sealed as complete his work among us. So, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise you forever, singing:

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the organ, and the last two are for the voice. The organ part begins with a dynamic of *f* and includes a fermata over the final note. The voice part begins with a dynamic of *ff* and includes a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and might. Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

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.

Gracious God, your son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may know the presence of your son among us, and that bread broken, and wine outpoured, may be for us his body and blood. 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.**

Generous God, your son told his disciples to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit. Give courage to those whom you call to stay in places of danger and confusion when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion. Your son withdrew from the disciples when they did not know what the future would hold. Be close to all who face an uncertain future and deeply know their need of you. Your son's disciples were continually in the temple praising you. Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth. Until the completion of your son's ministry becomes the completion of your whole creation, and you are all in all, 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.**

### 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

*p* Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the  
*mp* world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the  
*mf* world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the  
*p* world: *pp* grant us peace.

### Giving of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### Communion Anthem O Rex Gloriam *Marenzio*

O Rex Gloriam, Domine virtutum, qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos ascendisti, ne derelinquas nos orphanos, sed mitte promissum Patris in nos Spiritum Veritatis. Alleluia. O King of glory, Lord of all goodness, who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all, do not leave us as orphans but send us the Father's promise, the spirit of truth. Alleluia.

*Collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

**All** **Eternal God, giver of life and power, your son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to live the Gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and may we be the bearers of your love to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

Christ, risen from the dead, ascended to the heavens, pour upon you the abundance of his gifts, and bring you to eternal life in glory; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

### 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:  
*Chorus***

**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)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary Fugue in D, Op.59 *Reger*

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

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