



Sunday 26 May 2024, 10am
Trinity Sunday

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Dr Sam Wells

Preacher
Revd Angela Sheard

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Phoebe Tak Man Chow

Mass Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ 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

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, holy, holy *Schubert*

Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord. Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore shall be, holy, holy, holy, blessed Trinity. Holy, holy, holy... Praise to you, O Lord, Hosanna in the height, holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r and might. Holy, holy, holy...

From Deutsche Messe

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 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Silence.

God the Father, we confess to you our failure in thought, word, and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

God the Son, we confess to you our failure to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, we confess to you our failure to love, protect and cherish all the creation you have entrusted into our care.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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 *see opposite*

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. 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 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 *read by Deborah Whalley*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 8: 12-17 *read by Celia Webster*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 **Affirm anew the threefold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose savings acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind.**
- 2 **Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word.**
- 3 **Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading John 3: 1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the

Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Angela Sheard

Anthem Saint Chapelle *Eric Whitacre*

Virgo castissima advenit in capellam; et angeli in vitro molliter cantaverunt, ‘Hosanna in excelsis!’ Illa castissima susurravit, ‘Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus!’ Lux implevit spatium, multiformis colore, et audivit vocem suam resonare, ‘Sanctus! Sanctus!

continued...

Sanctus!’ Molliter angeli cantaverunt, ‘Dominus Deus sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua! Hosanna in excelsis! Hosanna in excelsis!’ Vox in lumen se transformat, et lumen canit, ‘Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus!’ Lumen canit molliter, ‘Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua!’ Virgo castissima... *An innocent girl entered the chapel; and the angels in the glass softly sang, ‘Hosanna in the highest!’ The innocent girl whispered, ‘Holy! Holy! Holy!’ Light filled the chamber, many-coloured light; she heard her voice echo, ‘Holy! Holy! Holy!’ Softly the angels sang, ‘Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!’ Her voice becomes light, and the light sings, ‘Holy! Holy! Holy!’ The light sings softly, ‘Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory!’ An innocent girl...*

Charles Anthony Silvestri (b. 1965)

Please stand.

Athanasian Creed

To mark Trinity Sunday we say part of the Athanasian creed. It comes in two parts, the first concerning the Trinity, the second concerning Jesus – we are using the first part today. It was probably written in the south of France around 500 AD, possibly by St Vincent of Lérins. It is not technically a creed, neither is it by St Athanasius, but it upholds the doctrine of Athanasius and Augustine that the three persons of the Trinity are uncreated, limitless, eternal, and omnipotent. They are also united in one Godhead, yet distinct from one another.

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity,
neither blending their persons
nor dividing their essence.
For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.
But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.
What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.
The Father is uncreated,
the Son is uncreated,
the Holy Spirit is uncreated.
The Father is immeasurable,
the Son is immeasurable,
the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.
The Father is eternal,
the Son is eternal,
the Holy Spirit is eternal.**

**And yet there are not three eternal beings;
there is but one eternal being.**

**So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings;
there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.**

**Similarly, the Father is almighty,
the Son is almighty,
the Holy Spirit is almighty.**

**Yet there are not three almighty beings;
there is but one almighty being.**

**Thus the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God.**

**Yet there are not three gods;
there is but one God.**

**Thus the Father is Lord,
the Son is Lord,
the Holy Spirit is Lord.**

**Yet there are not three lords;
there is but one Lord.**

**Just as Christian truth compels us
to confess each person individually
as both God and Lord,
so catholic religion forbids us
to say that there are three gods or lords.**

**The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.
The Son was neither made nor created;
he was begotten from the Father alone.**

**The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten;
he proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers;
there is one Son, not three sons;
there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.**

**Nothing in this Trinity is before or after,
nothing is greater or smaller;
in their entirety the three persons
are coeternal and coequal with each other.**

**So in everything, as was said earlier,
we must worship their Trinity in their unity
and their unity in their Trinity. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Susannah Woodd*

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

The peace of the triune God 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 I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

continued...

**2 I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.**

**3 I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.**

**4 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

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

**5 I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.**

Attr. St Patrick (372-466), tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

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, make us 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.**

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead. In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son. And so adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim and with all your glorious company in bright array we celebrate the glory of your praise, singing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord God, there is none beside you; you are perfect in power, in love, and purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit. Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be made ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds. As your three persons gaze in mutual attention, look upon those whose lives go unrecognised. As they work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone. As they relish one another in deep delight, revitalize those who live without joy or hope. Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

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

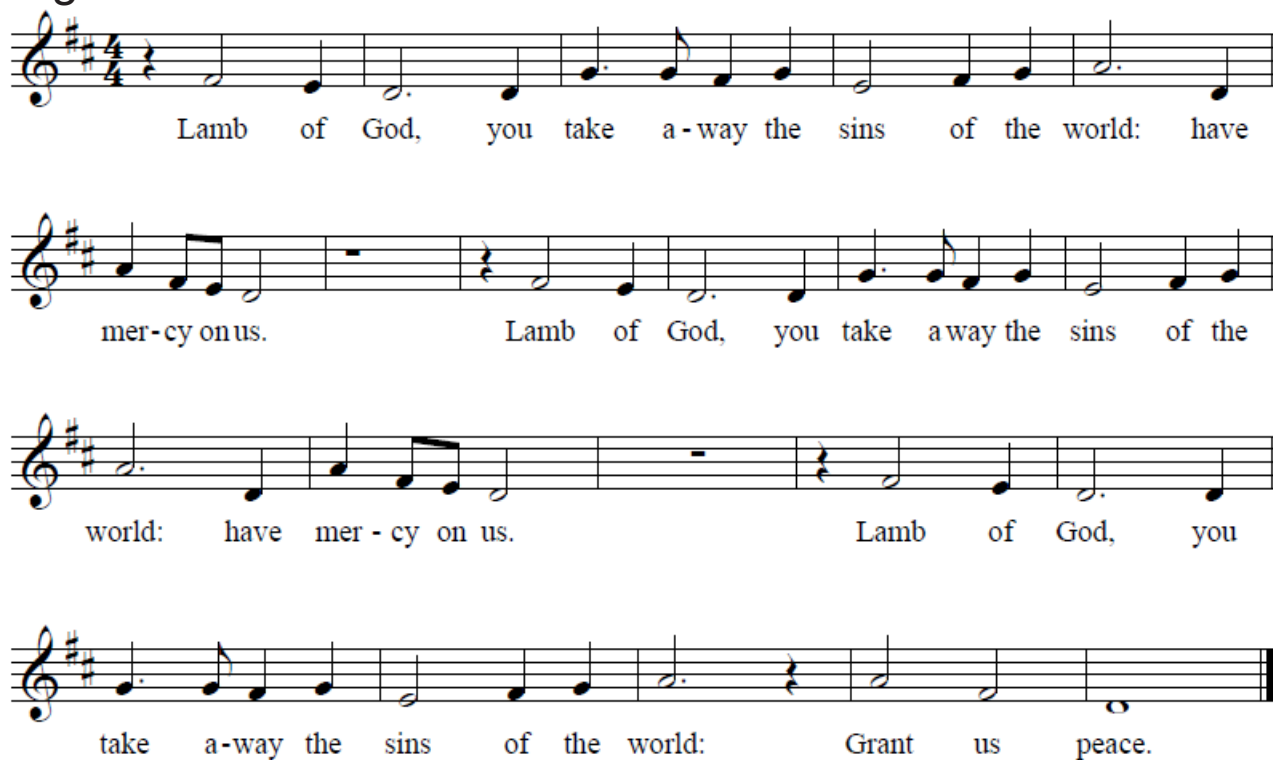
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are available in the central aisle and both side aisles. When receiving the cup you are welcome to take the chalice, to have the assistant pour the chalice, or to instinct by dipping the bread into the chalice, being careful not to let your fingers touch the wine. Gluten-free bread 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 Hymn to the Trinity Tchaikovsky

Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying, ever crying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Saints and martyrs praise thy name, Trinity life-giving, earthborn sorrow leaving before thy throne. Ever crying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Father omnipotent, mighty in glory, Christ thy Son our Saviour, who died that we might live, Holy Spirit, mystic dove dwelling with us evermore; we praise thee, blessed Trinity. With the angels' sacred hymn all thy might proclaiming, with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join. Holy, holy, holy, join we all in songs of praise for ever: Hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Cherubic Hymn, tr. W. G. Rotheby

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Giver of Life, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

1 Angelvoices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

continued...

- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Constantly.
- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.
- 5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary Fugue in C BWV547 *J.S. Bach*

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

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