



Sunday 30 June 2024, 10.00am

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity and Baptism

The Eucharist

Presider and Preacher
Revd Richard Carter

with the baptisms of
Theodora Chloé McCullagh and
Sebastian Mac McCullagh

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Phoebe Tak Man Chow

Mass Setting
Mass in E flat *Rheinberger*

⊕ 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

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 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

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**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.**

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

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 legilium.

Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Theodora Chloé and Sebastian Mac and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?

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

Parents and godparents, will you pray for Theodora Chloé and Sebastian Mac, 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.

The choir sings the chant through before the congregation joins in and repeats as directed.

Baptism Chant Bless the Lord my Soul Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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.**

Theodora Chloé and Sebastian Mac, 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

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

Sebastian Mac, 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 two other ministries. Theodora Chloé and Sebastian Mac, we anoint you with holy oil, making the sign of the cross, the seal of salvation.

All Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

A Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Theodora Chloé and Sebastian Mac, 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 Bless the Lord O my Soul *Taizé see previous page*

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading Mark 5: 21-end

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

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Strengthen Ye the Weak Hands *Harris*

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them. And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works. My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands arights, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Ecclesiasticus 38: 4, 6, 9, 10, 12; Isaiah 35: 1-6; Book of Common Prayer

Please remain seated or kneel.

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

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A collection will be taken for the work of this church during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate using:

- cash in the collection bags filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable*
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- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message).*
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Offertory Hymn

- 1** Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.
- 2** Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.
- 3** We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown.
- 4** But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.
- 5** The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

continued...

**6 Through him the first fond prayers are said
our lips of childhood frame;
the last low whispers of our dead
are burdened with his name.**

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

**7 Alone, O Love ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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:

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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.

Transforming God, we return unending gratitude for your limitless generosity. In the crucified and risen Christ you show us the extent and cost of your love. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that by his poverty we might become rich. He became what we are that in the power of your Holy Spirit we might become what he is. You destined from the beginning that we might become your companions forever. And so we delight to join saints and angels and all the company of heaven, gathered around your glorious throne, singing forever the praise of your name.

Sanctus *sung by the choir*

Cleansing God, your touch and word turned death to life in the body of a young girl, and when a suffering woman touched the hem of your garment you proclaimed that her faith had made her well. Come among us now in that same word and touch, and restore the body, mind, and spirit of your church to life in your name. In the power of your Holy Spirit speak over and touch this bread and this cup, that we may find in them your healing and resurrection, and 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.

Healing God, when your Son raised the daughter of Jairus, he ordered that she be given something to eat. Make this meal one that anticipates the coming of your kingdom, where fear is turned to belief, sickness becomes wholeness, ridicule is changed into worship, and grief is transformed into dancing. Instill hope in your church, raise up the fallen and disgraced, lift up the downtrodden, and renew your whole creation in the ways of justice and peace, that all the world may come to enjoy the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, in the grace of your Holy Spirit, in union with you, Father most merciful, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

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

Lord, make your word flesh.

All **And fill us with grace and truth.**

Anthem Notre Père *Duruflé*

Notre Père qui es aux Cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite, sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour, pardonnous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés, et ne nous soumet pas à la tentation, mais délivrenous du mal. *Our Father, who art in heav'n: hallow'd be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

Lord's Prayer

Giving of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and share God's heavenly food.

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 intinct 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.

Agnus Dei

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 **All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine,
yielding your glory in your love's design,
that in our darkened hearts your grace may shine: *Alleluia.***
- 2 **You came to us in lowliness of thought;
by you the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by your death was our redemption bought: *Alleluia.***
- 3 **The mind of Christ is as our minds should be:
he was a servant, that we might be free,
humbling himself to death on Calvary: *Alleluia.***
- 4 **And so we see in God's great purpose, how
Christ has been raised above all creatures now;
and at his name shall every nation bow: *Alleluia.***

continued...

**5 Let every tongue confess with one accord,
in heaven and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and God the Father be by all adored: *Alleluia.***

Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984) based on Philippians 2: 5-11

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

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

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