



Sunday 10 November 2024, 10am
Remembrance Sunday

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Dr Sam Wells

Preacher
Revd Richard Carter

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
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Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following information. Toilets are 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 outside 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 or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online. Large print copies are also 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. A youth group for teenagers meets fortnightly on Sundays at 3.30pm.

Welcome to anyone in need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smitf.org.

Welcome to all heritages and experiences of race, culture and language. At the Lord's Prayer all are invited to bring the gift of our preferred 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 other than 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 beingwith@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 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 Crossing the Bar *Rani Arbo*

Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea, but such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, when that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark; for tho' from out our bourne of time and place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

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 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

continued...

4 **A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

5 **O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

The sacrifice of God's son is the end of sacrifice. But we perpetuate the sacrifice of war. Let us confess the war in our hearts that makes war on one another and on God.

Silence is kept.

You give us the peace of creation, but we poison your grace.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You give us the peace of resurrection, but we remain thirsty for violence.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You give us the peace of the Last Day, but still we seek to solve by killing.

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

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 -
migh - ty 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.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 *read by Anna Frost*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Hebrews 9: 24-end *read by Valentina Chan*

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin,

but to save those who are eagerly waiting for 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 **For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 2 **Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**
- 3 **All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

continued after Gospel hymn

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 14-20

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

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired

men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 4 You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Lord, thou hast been our refuge *Vaughan Williams*

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest: come again, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that is past as a watch in the night. O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as asleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down and withered. For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. For when thou art angry, all our days are gone, we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told. The days of our age are threescore years and ten: and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow. So passeth it away, and we are gone. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last. Be gracious unto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us. Prosper thou, O prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work.

Psalm 90 and Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

All **We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

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*
- 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 'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love,
in freedom and in love.'**
- 2 But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind,
Christ sheds on humankind.**
- 3 Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right,
of standing for the right.**

continued...

**4 So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds,
faith proves itself in deeds.**

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

**5 Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace,
uniting us in peace.**

Pamela J. Pettitt (1954 – 2005)

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.**

God of judgement and mercy, from the slaying of Abel the blood of your children has cried from the ground. With David grieving Absalom, you continually cry, 'Would that I had died instead of you.' In your son Jesus you teach us that no one has greater love than to lay down their life for their friends. In his crucifixion you let a grain of wheat die and in his resurrection we see it become no longer a single grain but one that bears much fruit. In his sacrifice we see the redemption of your whole creation. And so with all the company of heaven we sing the praise of your glory.

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.

God of the living and the dead, in his broken body your son Jesus took on himself the tragedy and the sin and the cruelty of your fallen world. In him we see the cost of love and the price of peace. Send down your Holy Spirit, that your people may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine 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.

God of agonising death and glorious resurrection, you break down the dividing wall of hostility and in Christ you become our peace. Uphold those who grieve, comfort all who can never forget, and restore any who bear the scars of conflict. Raise up prophets of patience and courage who labour for peace faster than your world sinks into war. Bring understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation between old enemies, rival nations, conflicting faiths, and bitter adversaries. Take your people to the river of the water of life, that there they may lay down their sword and shield, and study war no more. Hasten the day of your coming when the last tear is shed and the curtain falls on enmity forever, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**

The Act of Remembrance takes place at 11am, at whatever place in the service that falls.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to God's sure keeping: those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

Last Post

The two-minute silence is kept.

Reveille

Anthem For the Fallen *Guest*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life, hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,

All **The broken body of Christ.**

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

This is Christ's body, broken for you. Enter into the joy of his risen life.

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. Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle upon request from the assistant. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, do let a steward know.

Communion Anthem Greater Love hath no man *Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Song of Solomon 8: 7, John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; Romans 12

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Children from the congregation lay a wreath.

Walk on through the wind. Walk on through the rain. Walk on, walk

on with hope in your heart. And you'll never walk alone.
All You'll never walk alone.

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 I vow to you, my friends of earth, all worldly things above,
entire and whole - yet broken - the service of my love:
the love that dares to question, the love that speaks its name,
that flowers still in barren ground, yet hides no more for shame,
the love that struggles through the pain and whispers in the night,
yet shares its secret with the world to bring the truth to light.**
- 2 This is that other country we heard of long ago
when called to be the spies of God where milk and honey flow:
a world where hurts find healing, where all th'oppressed run free,
where friends who have been sore betrayed each other truly see:
it is our earth, transfigured, new, where wars and hatred cease,
where spy and friend walk hand in hand in Christ our lover's peace.**

Jim Cotter (1942-2014) after Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing Anthem Peace I leave with you *Beach*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

Unknown

Organ Voluntary

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

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