



Sunday 4 May 2025, 10.00am  
The Third Sunday of Easter

# The Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation

Presider and Preacher  
Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah  
Mullally DBE, Bishop of London

The choir is directed by Olivia Tait

Organist  
Ashley Chow

Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ 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 monthly on Sunday afternoons.

**Welcome** to anyone in 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 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 of no professed faith 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](mailto: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.**

# **Baptism and Confirmation Candidates**

## **To be Baptised and Confirmed**

**Hayley Relph  
Lisa So  
Yau Cheung Johnny Wong**

## **To be Confirmed**

**Thomas Choy  
Andy Gadasu  
Ethan Komujuni  
Nathan Komujuni  
Heung Wing Lung  
See-Ming Emily Lam  
Fung Shan Sandra Lee**

# The Gathering

Introit Ubi caritas *Duruflé*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est; congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur, timeamus et amemus Deum vivum; et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. *Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in him, let us fear and love the living God, and love one other with a sincere heart.*

*Antiphon for Maundy Thursday*

Welcome *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

*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 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown,  
in you and you in me?**
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**

*continued...*

- 3 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**
- 4 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)*

## **Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Chant

*Sung once by the choir then once again joined by the congregation.*

Come to me, come to me, weak and hea - vy la - den; la - den;

trust in me, lean on me. I will give you rest.

## Gospel Reading John 21: 1-19

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

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other

disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Chant see previous page*

*Sung once by the choir and congregation.*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

**Sermon Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE**

**Anthem Lead me Lord Will Todd**

Lead me Lord in your righteousness. Make your way clear before my face. Only my Lord brings me safety so lead me Lord. Lead me Lord...

*From Psalm 5*

# Liturgy of Initiation

## Presentation of the Candidates

*The Bishop asks the candidates for baptism*

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

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

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

*The Bishop asks the candidates for baptism and confirmation*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?            **I am.**

*The Bishop addresses the whole congregation*

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

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

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

**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*

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

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

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



## Signing with the Cross

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

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

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

*All* **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## Renewing the Outward Sign of Inward Faith

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we recall our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share with the saints in his resurrection to new life; that having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain forever in the number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*To the whole congregation*

Now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which we are baptised, and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Son.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

*All* **I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

*All* **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Hayley, Lisa, Yau Cheung Johnny*, 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

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

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

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

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

*The congregation sits. The candidates kneel at the altar rail.*

## Confirmation

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

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

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

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop addresses each candidate by name, saying*

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

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop anoints the candidates with oil of Chrism, saying*

Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

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

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

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

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## The Welcome and Peace

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

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

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

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## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,  
when thou camest to earth for me;  
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
for thy holy nativity:  
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
there is room in my heart for thee.***
- 2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
proclaiming thy royal degree;  
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,  
and in great humility: *Refrain***
- 3 The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest  
in the shade of the cedar tree;  
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,  
in the desert of Galilee: *Refrain***
- 4 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
that should set thy people free;  
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn  
they bore thee to Calvary: *Refrain***

*continued...*

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

**5 When heaven's arches shall ring, and the angels sing,  
at thy coming to victory,  
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,  
there is room at my side for thee: *Refrain***

*Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott (1836-1897)*

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are received from the congregation and placed upon it. The financial gifts of the people are gathered and presented with the following prayer:*

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

**All Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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

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.

God of so much more than we ask or imagine, in the transformation of bread and wine you portray the way you bring us to fullness of life beyond anything we could ever make of ourselves, and in this meal you sit us at table with you and give us the food of eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit on this fruit of the earth and human hands that they may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' Great is the mystery of faith.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

### 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

*All* **In the broken body of Christ  
we find our peace with God.**



## Agnus Dei

*p* Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the

*mp* world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the

*mf* world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the

*p* world: *pp* grant us peace.

## Giving of Communion

Come, enter the broken heart of God.

*Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are available in the central 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 Open thou mine eyes John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public. Open thou mine eyes...

*Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

**All Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.**



# The Dismissal

## Notices

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The Bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please stand.*

*During the opening verses of the hymn lighted candles are given to those confirmed.*

### Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

## Blessing

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

*All* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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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