

**St
Martin
in
the
Fields**

Chinese
Congregation

聖馬田
中文堂

Sunday 1 February 2026, 1.30pm
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Eucharist

(Cantonese)

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Congregation, St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Mass Setting
Broken for You *Rizza*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

Welcome whether you are joining us today in our building or online.

The order of service is online. Large print copies are also available. It is also available in Chinese.

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.

This service is being live streamed. Please talk to a steward if you have any queries or concerns.

We have a children's church group during the service. A youth group for teenagers meets monthly on Sunday afternoons.

If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smittf.org.

When we come to Holy Communion, we receive bread in the form of a wafer, then wine from a common cup. 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.

Refreshments are served at St Martin's Hall in the Crypt after the service. All are warmly welcome.

We are glad you are here.

The Gathering

Welcome

Please stand.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Processional Hymn

- 1 **Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.**
- 2 **O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.**
- 3 **Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.**

continued...

- 4 **Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.**

John Chandler (1806–1876), based on Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est, (Latin, before 9th century)

Prayer of Preparation

- All* **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

- All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

Con moto (♩ = 60)

4 *mf* Men Women

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God on high; and

9 **4** *mp* All
peace, peace to his pe - ople, peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

18 *cresc.*
hea - ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

22 *f*
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God in the

26 **4**
high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

33 **Meno Mosso** **4** *mp* Women
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

40
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy, have

44 **4** *mf* Men
mer - cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -

51 **3** *f* All
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. For

57 **Tempo I**
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the

62 Most High, you alone are the Lord, Je - sus Christ

71 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry, the glo - ry, the

75 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. A - men, a -

80 men, a - men, a - men.

The Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kings 17.8–16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But she said, ‘As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare

it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.18–end

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 **Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**
- 2 **The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;**
- 3 **Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**
- 4 **Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.**

John Keble (1792–1866) and others

Gospel Reading John 2.1–11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine

first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the prayers is:

Lord, in your mercy
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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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.

*During the following hymn a collection will be taken for the ministry and work of St Martin-in-the-Fields. You are welcome to donate in the following ways: **cash in the collection bags** (filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable), using the **card machines**, or by **bank transfer***

Offertory Hymn

- 1 **Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**
- 2 **Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**
- 3 **Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples —
come, our first and greatest Sign!**
- 4 **Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on John 2.1–4

Offertory Prayer

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

Preparation of the Table

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

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.**

Renewing God, we give you thanks and praise because at Cana your Son shows us the shape of salvation. In the good wine we see the joy of your creation and the intimacy of your covenant with your people. In the wine running short we behold the ways we fall short of your hopes for us and your bewilderment at our faithlessness. In the wine running out we witness the agony of your Son's death and the extent to which we have jeopardised your grace. And in the overflowing glory of your new wine we delight in the wonder of your Son's resurrection and the gifts of your Holy Spirit and the boundless mystery of your kingdom. And so we rejoice with angels and archangels, singing the song of your everlasting praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Tempo giusto (♩ = 92)
4 *mp* Men

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

11 *mf* Women

God of might; hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, are full of your glo -

19 *mp* All *sempre cresc.*

-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est; ho - san - na, ho -

26

-san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high -

33 **3** *mp* **Women**

-est. Bles-sed, bles-sed, bles-sed is he, he who comes in the

43 *mp* **Men**

name of the Lord. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the

51 *All cresc.* *mf molto cresc.*

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est; ho - san - na, ho -

58 *ff*

-san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san -

62 **4**

-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Faithful God, the widow of Zarephath found that as she shared her jar of meal and her jug of oil with your prophet Elijah her scarcity was turned into your abundance. In this banquet of your generosity, send your Holy Spirit on your people that our doubt become trust, our hunger become hope, and our loneliness become companionship. Sanctify this bread and this wine that they might 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 power and wisdom, you have dismantled the wisdom of the wise and thwarted the discernment of the discerning. Your Son's cross is a stumbling block to your children and foolishness to your world. As you chose what is foolish to shame the wise, uphold those humiliated and ridiculed today. As you chose what is weak to shame the strong, inspire any who find themselves powerless and oppressed and cast down and impoverished. As you chose what is low and despised to reduce the proud, walk with any who are excluded, isolated, or abhorred, that they may find their true identity in you. Hasten the day when your wisdom and power fill the hearts of all your searching people, and your justice rolls like a never-failing stream, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

Calmly and prayerfully (♩ = 60)

6 *mp*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

10 *mf*

world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus Lamb of God, you

15 *p*

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of

20 *7*

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. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Communion Hymn

- 1 Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.
- 2 With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.
- 3 To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

continued...

- 4 Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

- 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

continued...

- 2 **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 **To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**
- 4 **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

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