



Sunday 8 June 2025, 10am
Pentecost

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Andrew Woodward

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields
and the Choir of the Chinese
Congregation

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Jamie Andrews

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.

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 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

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn

- 1 Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart;**
- 2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.**
- 4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,**
- 5 Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

John Cosin (1594-1672) based on Veni, Creator Spiritus (Latin, 8th or 9th century)

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Penitence

God sends the Holy Spirit in wind and fire, to cleanse us, heal us, and restore us. Let us open our hearts to God to receive forgiveness and new life.

Silence is kept.

You send us to the nations; but we hide behind locked doors.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You speak through us in words of every language; but we like everything to be under our control.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring forth love, joy, and peace; but we cling on to our bitterness, resentment and envy.

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.**

Please stand.

Children gather at the north east door during the Gloria to go to Children's Church.

Gloria in Excelsis *opposite*

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly king, al-migh - ty God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your
mp
glo-ry. 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 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re -
Org.
ceive our prayer.
f
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
ff
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - -
-men, a - - - - men.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading Acts 2: 1-21 *read by Kristine Wellington*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reading Romans 8: 14-17 *read by Lisa So*

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 **O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**
- 2 **There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading John 14: 8-17

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

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

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am

going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem Come down, O Love divine *Vaughan Williams arr. Will Todd*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Please stand.

A Creed for Pentecost

When the Father and the Son send the Spirit

All there is wind and fire.

When the Father with the Son created

All the wind of the Spirit hovered.

When the Father with the Son appeared to Moses

All there in the bush was the fire of the Spirit.

When the Father with the Son drew back the Red Sea waters,

All there blew the Spirit.

When the Father with the Son led the children of Israel through the wilderness

All there was the Spirit's fire by night and wind by day.

When the Father with the Son spoke to Elijah

All there was the wind and the fire and the still small voice of the Spirit.

When the fire raged in Babylon and the Father protected Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego

All there was the Spirit making the Son present in the fire.

When the wind blew on the waters of Jordan the Father spoke

All and the Holy Spirit descended on the Son.

When the lightning flashed and the Son died

All the Spirit kept the Father's heart connected to the Son.

When the stone rolled and the Son was raised

All the Spirit rejoiced with the Father.

When the apostles trembled after the Son left,

All the Father sent the wind and fire of the Spirit in tongues of flame.

When the time is fulfilled and the Son returns,

All the Father will embrace the Spirit and the wind and the fire will be one.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Ivan Yuen*

The response to the prayers is:

Send your Spirit, God

All And hear our prayers.

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).*
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Offertory Hymn

- 1 Love of the Father, Love of God the Son,
from whom all came, in whom was all begun;
who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
creation's whole desire and breath of life:**
- 2 Thou the all-holy, thou supreme in might,
thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh right;
thou with thy favour all things dost enfold,
with thine all-kindness free from harm wilt hold.**
- 3 Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid,
that dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid:
to all that cry thou dost all help accord,
the angels' armour, and the saints' reward.**

continued...

- 4 **Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
there is no truth save only in thy trust;
thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.**

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

- 5 **Eternal glory, let all thee adore,
who art and shalt be worshiped evermore:
us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.**

After Amor Patris et Filii, 12th century, Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)

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:

Blessed be you, Lord God of all creation, for you gather bread from the fields and grapes from the vine; you turn our labours into money that in you we can turn work into service. Take these gifts and in the power of your Spirit, make them the fruits of your redemption.

- All* **Blessed be God forever.**

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 surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land. Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him. On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your church. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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 comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image, and that these gifts of bread and wine 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:

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

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith; of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life, and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water. Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair, and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language, whether that language be art or science, work or play. Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, that we may love what you love, and do what you would do, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

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

Come Holy Spirit, and make Christ present in the breaking of the bread.

Agnus Dei

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a half note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, and G5. The lyrics 'world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the' are written below. The third staff continues with a half note A5, followed by quarter notes B5, C6, and D6. The lyrics 'world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the' are written below. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a half note E6, followed by a whole note F6. The lyrics 'world: grant us peace.' are written below. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) at the start of the first staff, *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the start of the second staff, *mf* (mezzo-forte) at the start of the third staff, and *pp* (pianissimo) at the start of the fourth staff.

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 *pp* world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Bread and wine, love and mercy, grace and truth. These are God's gifts offered to you. Take and rejoice.

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 Anthems

If ye love me *Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit *arr. Bob Chilcott*

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit... Jordan river, is chilly and cold, it chills the body not the soul. All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit... Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. Saint Peter waiting at the gate, said 'Come on sinner, don't be late.' Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...

Spiritual

Silence is kept .

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opened to every race and nation the way of life eternal, open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. 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 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**
- 2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**
- 3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Dismissal

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

All In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing Anthem Gaelic Blessing *John Rutter*

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you, deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.

Adapted from a Gaelic rune

Organ Voluntary

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

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