



Sunday 22 June 2025, 10am  
First Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

Presider  
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Preacher  
Revd Richard Carter

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by  
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Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

Kyrie from 'Missa Aeterna Christi  
Munera' *Palestrina*

⊕ 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@smidf.org](mailto:safeguarding@smidf.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@smidf.org](mailto:beingwith@smidf.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.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 3 They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 4 Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***
- 5 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to our merciful God who knows us better than we know ourselves and loves us beyond our deserving or desiring.

*Silence.*

You bring us the good news of the kingdom, but we refuse to live with the hope that it gives us.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The choir sings Kyrie eleison.*

You give us a vision of radical hospitality, but we fail to share your abundant grace.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*The choir sings Christe eleison.*

You show your love for us, again and again, but we deny your live giving mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The choir sings Kyrie eleison.*

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

*f*  
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 -  
ceive our prayer. *Org.*  
*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.

## Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a *read by Ramesh Puvaneswaran*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in

his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading Galatians 3: 23-end** *read by Maddie Naisbitt*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God.**
- 2 I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

*continued after Gospel reading*



## Gospel Reading Luke 8: 26-39

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

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

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



Hymn *continued*

- 3 In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.**

*Unknown, based on Psalm 46*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Take me to the water *arr. Rollo Dilworth*

Take me to the water. Take me to the sea. Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free. Gonna lay my burdens down, down by the riverside. Gonna wade in the water that flows both deep and wide. Gonna lay my sword and shield down by the riverside. Wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water.

*Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970), additional words from Spirituals*

*Please stand.*

Apostles' Creed

- All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I 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.  
I 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 Fiona MacMillan*

*The response to the prayers is:*

God of wonder and 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

The peace of the triune God 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:*

- 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 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her  
and for her life he died.**

*continued...*

- 2** Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.
- 3** Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore opprest,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distress,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.
- 4** 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

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

- 5** Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)*

## 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 God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

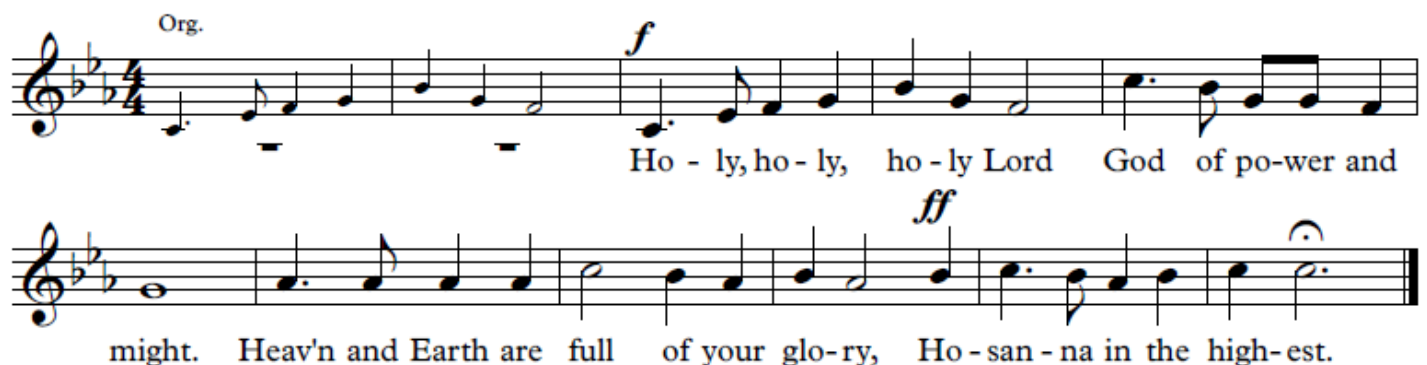
Lift up your hearts.

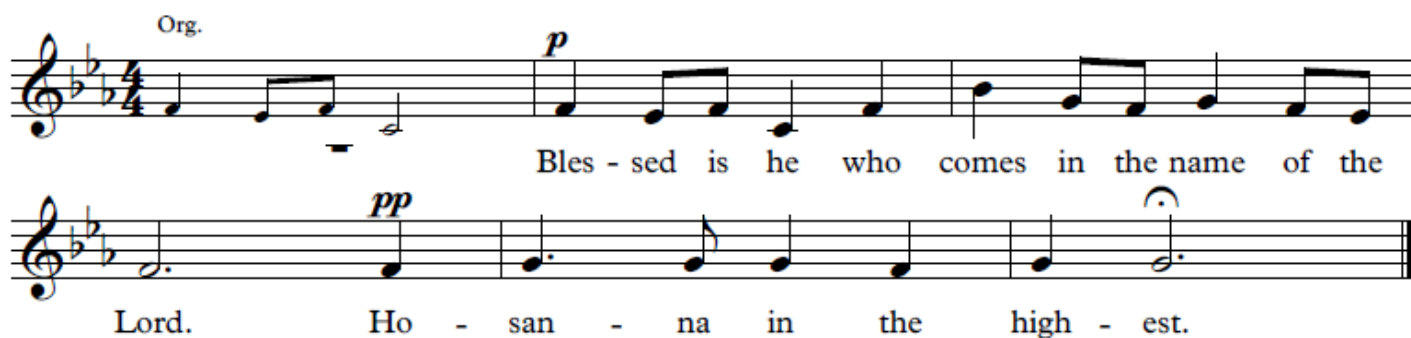
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God and Father of all. Through creation and covenant, prophet and promise you have called us your own and made us your children. You pledged yourself to Abraham and Sarah and their offspring forever. Through the law you showed your people the path of life; when they rejected your ways you did not forsake them but sent prophets to bring them home to you. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, making us heirs according to the promise made to Abraham, and adopting us as your children through faith. In Christ you gather to yourself all your people in an eternal embrace where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female. In his dying and rising you take away our sin and open to us the gift of everlasting life. And so with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven enfolded in the bonds of your love, we praise your name and join the unending hymn.





## 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

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

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

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel, steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen. *Do not be sorrowful or regretful; be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content. What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours. Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best. Amen.*

*Paul Flemming (1609-1640)*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

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

*All*   **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 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 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)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Blessing Anthem God be in my head *Howells*

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God  
be at mine end, and my departing

*From Richard Pynson's Horae BVM, 1514. Author Unknown*

## Organ Voluntary Choral Song S.S. Wesley

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

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