



Sunday 20 July 2025, 10am  
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

Presider  
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher  
Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by  
Jennifer Sterling

Organist  
Benjamin Frost

Mass Setting  
Messe solennelle (Solemn Mass) in  
C-sharp minor, Op. 16 *Vierne*

⊕ 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.**

# The Gathering

Introit Indodana *Trad. Xhosa arr. Barrett and Schmitt*

Ngob'umthatile umtwana wakho, uhlale nathi hololo helele. Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi'bethelela hololo helele. Hololo Baba Jehova. Zjem zja baba. *The Lord has taken his Son who lived amongst us, the Son of the Lord God was crucified. (Hololo represents crying and has no translation) Father Jehovah. (Zjem zja is expressive with no meaning) Father.*

*Trad. Xhosa*

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 Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'**
- 2 From those forever victims of heartless human greed,  
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:  
'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'**
- 3 From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,  
the fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,  
'Don't query our position! Don't criticize our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!'**

*continued...*

- 4 To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,  
we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:  
'When will the wrongs be righted? When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?'
- 5 God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?  
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'
- 6 Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,  
attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,  
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools  
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

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

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Confession

We come before God worried and distracted by so many things. Let us confess the ways we have rejected God's ways and followed another path.

*Silence is kept.*

Christ, you came in humility to share our lives; forgive our pride.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, you came with good news for all people; forgive our silence.  
Christ, have mercy.

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

Christ, you came in love to a world of suffering; forgive our self-centredness.

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis *sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please remain seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Amos 8: 1-12 *read by Matt Frost*

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says

the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Colossians 1: 15-28 *read by Valentina Chan*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 Lord, all the world belongs to you,  
and you are always making all things new.  
What is wrong you forgive,  
and the new life you give  
is what's turning the world upside-down.**
- 2 **The world's only loving to its friends,  
but you have brought us love that never ends,  
loving enemies too;  
and this loving with you  
is what's turning the world upside-down.**
- 3 **This world lives divided and apart,  
you draw us all together and we start,  
in your body, to see  
that in a fellowship we  
can be turning the world upside-down.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

## Gospel Reading Luke 10: 38-end

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

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

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn *continued*

- 4 **The world wants the wealth to live in state,  
but you show us a new way to be great:  
like a servant you came,  
and if we do the same,  
we'll be turning the world upside-down.**

*continued...*

**5 O Lord, all the world belongs to you,  
and you are always making all things new.  
Send your Spirit on all  
in your church, whom you call  
to be turning the world upside-down.**

*Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem The Spirit of the Lord is upon me *Elgar*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61, from 'The Apostles'*

*Please stand.*

Nicene Creed

*All* **I believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.  
I 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.  
I 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.  
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Prayers of Intercession *led by Neil MacGregor*

*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 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 scanning the **QR code***



## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.**
- 3 Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then you shall better know his love, his heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.  
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay  
from his own fullness all he takes away.**

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

- 4 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

*Stille meine Wille; dein Jesus hilft siegen, Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697-  
after 1768), tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897)*

## 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:*

Lord you have lavished on us the riches of your grace.

*All* **Now make known to us the mystery of your will.**

### 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.**

Resounding praise belongs to you, Alpha and Omega, for yours is the beginning and ending of all things. Through your Word you created the visible and the invisible, and in him all things hold together. By shaping a people bound in love, you fashioned a covenant that would never end. In the fullness of time your Word became flesh; you sent among us the firstborn of all creation, pleased to dwell in human form. Through him you have reconciled all things in heaven and earth, making peace through the blood of his cross. Before every beginning and beyond every ending you call us to be your disciples and destine us to be your saints. And so we give you thanks in the company of angels and archangels as we join the everlasting hymn.

*Please sit for the Sanctus and Benedictus, sung by the Choir. Please stand after the Benedictus ends.*

God our companion, as you drew Mary of Bethany to your Son's feet, hungry for his word, so bring us to this table, hungry for Jesus. As your church remembers Christ's saving passion, come upon your church in the power of your Holy Spirit to dwell with us in the fullness of your presence, and feed us till we want no more. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup, again he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'This is the blood of the new covenant poured out 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 Mary and Martha, your resurrected Son has the words of eternal life. Give your church grace like Mary to linger where Jesus is. Grant us patience to abide among those who look to you in trust and hope, and to stand with any who have no one to stay by their side. Where your children hunger and thirst for companionship, bring them new friends in Christ. Where they suffer from famine, be their bread of life. Open your heaven, that the one who has reconciled all things in his death and resurrection may present us holy and blameless before you, and your Word made flesh may welcome us to the banquet of the riches of your glory, in the power of your Spirit, Holy Father, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own first 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.**

Anthem O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

*Psalm 34: 8*

### Giving of Communion

See God's heart, open to us in Christ. Let us receive God's love with joy and gladness.

*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.*

Agnus Dei *sung by the Choir*

*Silence is kept.*

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Dismissal

## Notices

*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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!**

*Joachim Neander (1650–1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Organ Voluntary

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

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