



Sunday 27 July 2025, 10am  
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

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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.**

# 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 Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**
- 2 Not forever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**
- 3 Not forever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**
- 4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

*Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to the God who hears our prayer and longs to forgive our sins and deliver us from evil.

*Silence is kept.*

Jesus, you taught us to pray for your will to be done on earth as in heaven, yet we follow our own wills and way.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Jesus, you taught us to pray 'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us', yet we withhold forgiveness from others.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Jesus, you taught us to pray 'Lead us not into temptation', yet we are often all too willingly led into temptation.

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

# 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 -  
*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.

# The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Hosea 1: 2-10 *read by Huw Mathias*

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

Second Reading Colossians 2: 6-15 *read by Eloise Warner*

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record

that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.  
*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'***

**2 All power is given in Jesus' name  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to.  
*Refrain***

*continued after Gospel reading*

Gospel Reading Luke 11: 1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him

anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

**3 God gives us life in Jesus' name,  
he lives in us in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his peace as he told me to.  
*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'***

*Carol Owens (b. 1931)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem O love *Elaine Hagenberg*

O love, that will not let me go, O love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, O I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O love...

*George Matheson (1842-1906)*

*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 Flora Saxby*

*The response to the prayers is:*

*All* God of wonder and love,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And, at the end:*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**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 **Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.  
*Come home, come home  
you who are weary, come home,  
earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!***
- 2 **Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?  
*Refrain***
- 3 **Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
coming for you and for me.  
*Refrain***

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

*continued...*

**4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.  
*Refrain***

*William L. Thompson (1847–1909)*

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:*

**All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

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.**

Hallowed be your name, heavenly Father, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. You formed a people for yourself and called them your children. You delivered them from evil and saved them in the time of trial. Once we were no people but now we are your people, because in the fullness of time you sent your Son to forgive us our trespasses through the blood of his cross, and in your Holy Spirit you give us power to forgive those who trespass against us. And so we gladly praise you with your people on earth and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn.

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 blessing, you promise that as you give us our daily bread so you shall feed us with the bread of life for eternity. Come down upon your church in the power of your Holy Spirit, that as we remember your Son's saving passion and resurrection and share this holy meal, we may become bread for your hungry world. 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.**

Giver of every good and perfect gift, you promise that everyone who asks receives, everyone who seeks finds, and to everyone who knocks the door will be opened. Send your blessing upon those who ask for what you alone can give. Pour your grace upon any who search and on all who long to be found. Give perseverance to those who knock at the door of justice. As you dwelt bodily in your Son in all your fullness, dwell in your church today, that by the power of the Holy Spirit those who are called the children of the living God may know your resurrecting power, until the day when your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, most holy God, 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

The body of Christ, broken for the life of the world.

**All** **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

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

## Giving of Communion

God's heart is 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.*

## Communion Anthem The Lord's Prayer *Lucy Walker*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving; 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** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.  
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*
- 2** Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Chorus*
- 3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Chorus*

*Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Blessing Anthem God be in my head *Philip Wilby*

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

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

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