



Sunday 10 August 2025, 10am
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Eucharist



Presider
Revd Andrew Woodward

Preacher
Revd Richard Carter

with the baptism of Daniel Martyn
Tavender

Soloist
Saskia Bibb

Organist
Jamie Andrews

Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ 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.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now.
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word:**
- 2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**
- 3 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.**

continued...

**4 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
evermore to reign;
rulers of the nations
at his throne shall bow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

Please sit.

Introduction Revd Richard Carter

Baptism is the end of the old life we live for ourselves, and the beginning of the new life we live with God. When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, God parted the sea and led them to freedom. All that held them in slavery was left behind. Christ's death on Good Friday echoes the Israelites' descent into the sea. In raising Jesus from the tomb, the Holy Spirit brings him out of the sea, taking him beyond sin and death. When we are baptised, God brings these stories to life in us. God takes away the power of all that oppresses us, and we are born again in the Spirit. We are made members of Christ's body, that we may share his sufferings and inherit his glory. We begin a life of service, to God, one another and the good creation. We join a new family, everlasting and universal: the communion of saints.

Prayer

All Father God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround us with your love; protect us from evil; fill us with your Holy Spirit; and restore us in the family of your Church; that we may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

The candidate and sponsors gather at the legilium.

Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Daniel Martyn and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With God's help, we will.

Sponsors, will you pray for Daniel Martyn, draw him into the community of faith, help him take his place in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With God's help, we will.

Making Our Decision to Follow Christ

To the sponsors

Baptism means turning from the despair of sin to the hope of Christ. I now ask you three times if you are resolved to turn from death to life.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?

I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Please stand.

The Baptism party goes to the font during the chant. Members of the congregation are invited to join them.

Baptism Anthem Breathe on me, breath of God *Philip Wilby*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do, and to endure. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

E. Hatch (1835-1889)

Renewing the Outward Sign of Inward Faith

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we recall our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share with the saints in his resurrection to new life; that, having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain forever in the number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the sponsors and to the whole congregation

Now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which we are baptised, and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Daniel Martyn, for you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you he lived and showed God's love. For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary, and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished'. For you he triumphed over death, and rose to new life. For you he reigns at God's right hand.

Baptism

Daniel Martyn, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Signing

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the candidate for baptism with holy oil.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

The minister invites the sponsors to sign the candidate with the cross.

All the leaders of God's people, prophets, priests and kings, were anointed at the start of their ministry. Jesus also, who was Israel's prophet, priest and king, was baptised by John at the start of his ministry. This is the start of a new ministry. Daniel Martyn, we anoint you with holy oil, making the sign of the cross, the seal of salvation.

All Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

A Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Daniel Martyn, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the Lord's family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the realm of God. We welcome you.

Giving of Light

God has delivered from the shadows of night into the realm of glorious day. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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

Baptism Anthem Breathe on me, breath of God *Philip Wilby*

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel in the centre aisle.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 32-40

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

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

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Love Divine *Howard Goodall*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down, fix is us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast, let us all in thee inherit, let us find that second rest: take away our power of sinning, Alpha and Omega be, end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please remain seated or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Wendy Quill*

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 Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our forebears owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

continued...

- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 3 Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
The Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, hope restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**
- 4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

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

- 5 Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
And then, by all creation
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

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:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All 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.

God of time and eternity, we give you thanks and praise, that you weave the fabric of your purpose through the warp of our faith and the weft of our faithlessness. You meet us as you met Isaac and Jacob in the tents of our transience and prepare us as you prepared Abraham for the city of your joy. We make ourselves strangers and foreigners to you but you greet us in your Son; in his death and resurrection you bring us home to be the people of your possession. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Loving God, you call us as your treasure, and you tell us that where your treasure is, your heart is also. In Jesus you lodge your heart among us, and in this sharing of your holy meal you place that heart at the heart of our lives. Now send down your Holy Spirit, that we may become holy as you are holy, and that these gifts of bread and wine may 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.**

Revealing God, as we perceive your Son, in the power of your Spirit, to be present in this bread and this wine, open our eyes to see your presence in all the places and people you make known your glory, so that when you come again on the last day, we shall recognise you by the company you keep, and you shall recognise us by the company we keep. Just as you have shown us that your heart is always with us, wherever our hearts stray, so now draw our hearts always to be where your heart is. As you have made us your treasure on earth, transform us and your whole creation into your treasure in heaven, until the day when all hearts are drawn to you in the harmony of your praise, ever one God, our saviour and our friend.

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Those who eat this bread will never be hungry.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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 Be thou my vision *Bob Chilcott*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; great heart of my own heart, what ever befall, still be thou my vision, ruler of all.

Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), vers. Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 All my hope on God is founded;
who doth still my trust renew.
Through all change and chance God guides me,
only good and only true.
Love unknown, God's alone
calls my heart to be God's own.**

continued...

- 2 God's great goodness reigns eternal,
 deep in wisdom, passing thought:
 light and life are all God's splendour,
 bringing beauty out of naught.
 Evermore, from God's store
 new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 3 Daily doth th'Almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 God's desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand at God's hand;
 joy doth wait on God's command.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ the Son.
 Christ doth call one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

Meine Hoffnung stehet feste, Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Blessing Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6: 24

Organ Voluntary

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

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