



Sunday 17 August 2025, 10am  
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

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## 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 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off your sleep, and joyful rise  
to make your morning sacrifice.**
- 2 Redeem your mis-spent time that's past  
and live this day as if your last;  
improve your talent with due care;  
for God's great day yourself prepare.**
- 3 Let all your speaking be sincere,  
your conscience as the noon-day clear;  
think how all-seeing God surveys  
your secret thoughts and all your ways.**
- 4 Give praise to God, who safely kept  
and well refreshed me while I slept;  
grant, Lord, that when from death I wake,  
I may of endless light partake.**
- 5 To you my vows I here renew;  
disperse my sins as morning dew,  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.**

*continued...*

- 6 Direct, control, suggest this day  
all I desire or do or say;  
that all my powers with all their might  
for your sole glory may unite.
- 7 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
in heaven above and earth below;  
one God, three persons, we adore  
to him be praise for evermore.

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

Confession

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives,  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say,  
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the  
world about us and for failing to have faith in your love,  
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

*Gloria*

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  
glory. 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.

*Amen*

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  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a -  
-men, a - men.

## Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 *Isaiah 5: 1-7 read by Beverley Logan*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading *Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2 read by Eddie Grove*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon,

Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.**
- 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.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

## Gospel Reading Luke 12: 49-56

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

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

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**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 Andrew Woodward

**Anthem** Be still for the presence of the Lord *David J. Evans arr.  
Indra Hughes*

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here, come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground, be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, he burns with holy fire: with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light, be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. Amen.

*David J. Evans (b. 1957)*

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed**

**All** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We 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.**

**We 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.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We 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 Jane Templeman*

*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 For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest: *Alleluia.*
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou in the darkness, still their one true light: *Alleluia.*
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: *Alleluia.*
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong: *Alleluia.*
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest: *Alleluia.*
- 6 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way: *Alleluia.*

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

- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: *Alleluia.*

*William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

## 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:*

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.**

It is a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, faithful God, because you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses who have followed the path of your promises. By faith your people crossed the Red Sea when you brought them out of slavery. By faith your Son endured the cross disregarding its shame. By faith your apostles endured chains and imprisonment testifying to the gospel. By faith your martyrs suffered mockery and death for your glory alone. And so with this cloud of witnesses from every age and time we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn.

Org.

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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.

Righteous God, whose Son is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, make your church a vineyard of justice and peace. Nourish your people with this fruit of the vine and sanctify us with your Holy Spirit that we may bring forth the perfect fruit of your kingdom. Send your Holy Spirit upon 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.**

Redeeming God, whose Son for the sake of heavenly joy won our salvation, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us. Liberate your people in the midst of every sorrow that they may hold fast to your unfailing mercy. Raise up into your unending glory every soul weighed heavy with struggle. Give your children a heart to see through every trial of life to a deeper joy that is only possible in you. Grant us wisdom in the midst of conflict to discern your ways of peace. Bring us all to the day when we are made perfect in your love and rejoice in your promises fulfilled, beholding Christ our Lord seated at your right hand on high in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always.

**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

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: have mer-cy on us. 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 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 Non nobis, Domine *attr. Byrd*

Non nobis, non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam. *Not unto us, not unto us  
O Lord, but unto thy name give the glory.*

*Psalm 115:1*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

**All** **Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**
  
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

*continued...*

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

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

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Blessing Anthem Irish Blessing *Bob Chilcott*

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you, ever in the palm of his hand.

*Trad.*

## Organ Voluntary

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

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