

Sunday 13 July 2025, 10am The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Eucharist

Presider Revd Andrew Woodward

Preacher Revd Richard Carter The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by Jennifer Sterling

Organist Ashley Chow

Mass 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

Introit Ubi caritas Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and delight in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and let us honour him with a sincere heart. Amen.

Anon.

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 Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

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- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. God calls us to be a people, holy and blameless. God empowers us through the Holy Spirit. We have resisted God's invitation. We have rejected God's call. We have refused to accept God's presence with us.

Silence is kept.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Christ, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

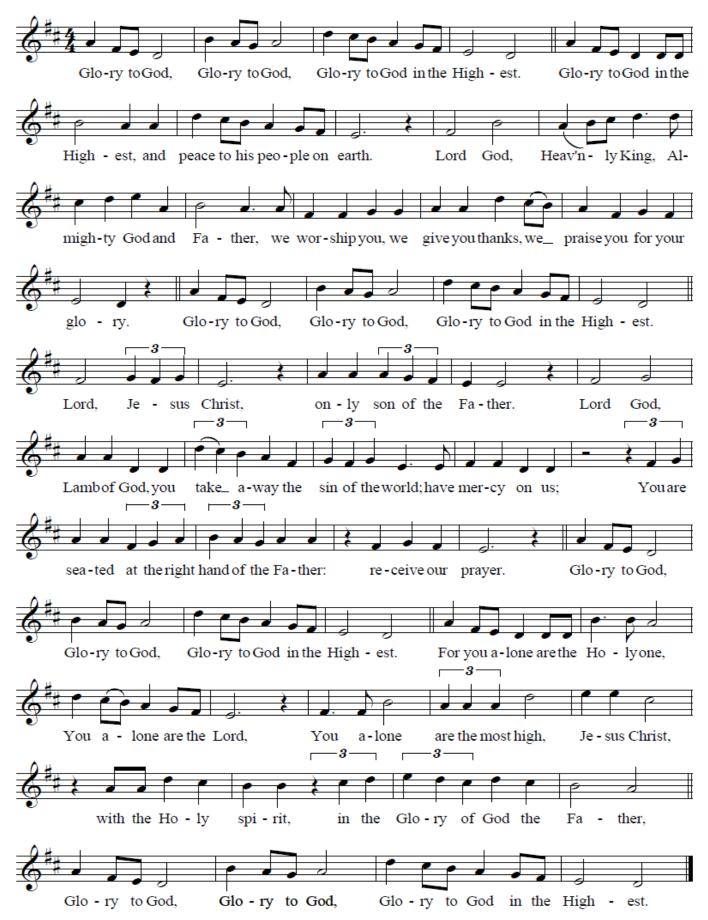
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis



Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Amos 7: 7-end read by Wendy Quill

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' 'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore, thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.''

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Colossians 1: 1-14 read by Michael Okorokporo

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.
- 2 The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

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Gospel Reading Luke 10: 25-37

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law?

What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave

them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn *continued*

All

3 So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. Amen.

John 13: 34-45 and Liber Usualis

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

 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 Jim Sikorski

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

- Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!
- 2 Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills; land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak:

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

- Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
 Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green, Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.
- 4 Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed; make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor..

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

5 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor...

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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.

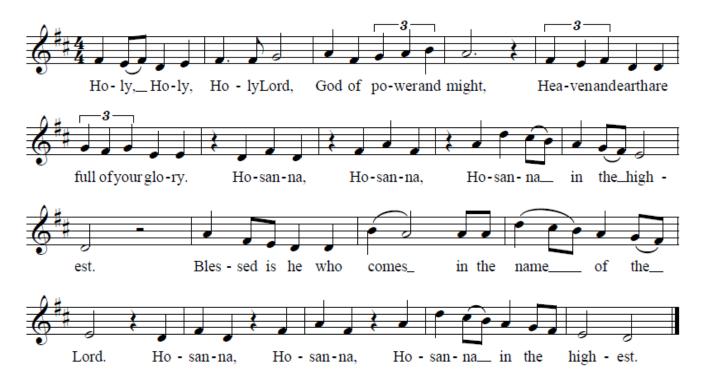
Lift up your hearts.

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.

God our saviour, we give you thanks and praise, that when the nations had strayed far from your ways you called Abraham, and when your people were lost and oppressed you sent Jesus, and when we are defeated, downcast, and desolate, in the power of the Holy Spirit you make Jesus present to us. You pick us up from our failure, our oppression and our sin and journey with us and bring us to safety and promise to return. In the death and resurrection of Christ you heal the wounds of the past and offer the gift of an everlasting future with you. So now we celebrate the wonders of your grace with saints and angels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.



God our redeemer, on our journey with you, you turn us from your burden into carriers of one another's burdens. On the way you feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Now send down your Holy Spirit, that we may be made holy as you are holy, and that these gifts of the earth and human hands 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.

Merciful God, in Jesus, through story, miracle, and example, you turn us and all creation upside down. Direct our hearts in the ways we should go, visit the downtrodden and set them on their feet again, and restore the land, sea and air of your creation, that all things and creatures and people may fulfil their created purpose in reflecting your glory and singing your praise, until the day when you are all in all, in union with Christ, ever one God.

All Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord's Prayer

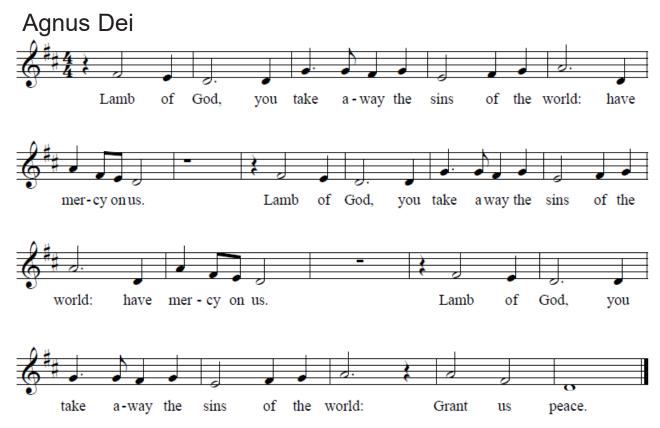
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own preferred language.

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.



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 Baba yetu Christopher Tin arr. Ben Jones

Baba yetu, yetu uliye Mbinguni yetu, yetu, amina! Baba yetu, yetu, uliye Jina lako litukuzwe. Utupe leo chakula chetu Tunachohitaji utusamehe Makosa yetu, hey! Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe Waliotukosea usitutie Katika majaribu, lakini Utuokoe, na yule, milelea milele! Ufalme wako ufike utakalo Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni. (Amina)

Swahili setting of the Lord's Prayer

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; 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

- O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: 1 bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.
- Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness, 2 high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen. All

Blessing Anthem A Clare Benediction John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: may he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, me he fill you with his grace. May you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face. May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; keep you safe as you journey on your way: may he lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day. May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them; ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door: in the name of his Son, our Saviour Chris, may God bless you, now and evermore.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Organ Voluntary

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

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