



Sunday 12 October 2025, 10am  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

# The Eucharist

with Prayers for Healing, Anointing  
and the Laying-On of Hands

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⊕ 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 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.**

*continued...*

**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 or kneel.*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to the God who knows us better than we know ourselves and loves us beyond our deserving or desiring.

*Silence is kept.*

You offer us new life, but we fail to trust in you.

Lord, have mercy.

**All     Lord, have mercy.**

You show us a vision of your kingdom but we quickly turn away as we try to build our own.

Christ, have mercy.

**All     Christ, have mercy.**

You promise always to be with us yet we are quick to desert or give up when the struggles come.

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.**

## Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please remain seated.*

*Children gather at the north east door during the first reading to go to Children's Church.*

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 *read by Jess Templeman*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 **As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.***

- 2 **I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.  
*Chorus***

*continued after Gospel reading*

## Gospel Reading Luke 17: 11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

*Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon    Revd Richard Carter

Anthem    O nata lux    *Morten Lauridsen*

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque summere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, mos membra confer effici tui beati corporis. O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

*10th century hymn*

*Please stand.*

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

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 by **scanning the QR code, cash in the collection bags** (filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable), or by **card machine** (please see Jeff Claxton to register your payment card for Gift Aid).*



## Offertory Hymn

- 1 **O Christ, the Healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?**
- 2 **From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.**
- 3 **How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.**
- 4 **In conflicts that destroy our health  
we diagnose the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills:  
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

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

- 5 **Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.**

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

## 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:*

- Make us hungry for your bread of life  
**All Thirsty for your cup of salvation**  
Grateful for the gifts you give us  
**All And ready for an outpouring of your Spirit.**



# Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**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.**

Trusting and abiding God, we lift our hearts to thank and praise you, because even when we are faithless toward you, you are always faithful toward us. In creation you made a myriad of wonders for us to enjoy; yet in our sin we saw scarcity rather than abundance. In Israel you made a people for your own heart; but your people longed to be like other nations. In exile you taught your prophets and priests to seek the welfare of the city where you had sent them. There in a foreign land you made yourself known to your people in a new way, so that when your Son Jesus Christ was crucified for our salvation his disciples saw in his servanthood the pattern of your suffering love. And so with all the company of heaven we rejoice in the eternal song.

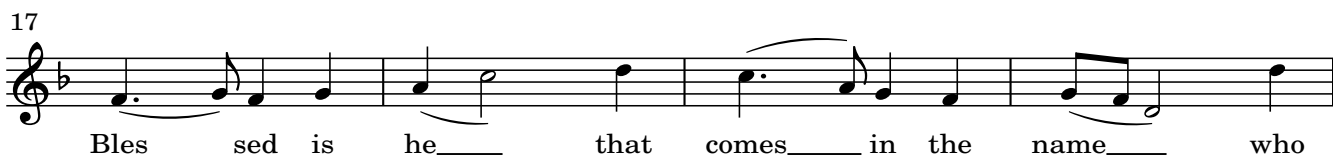
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5 Lord God of hosts.

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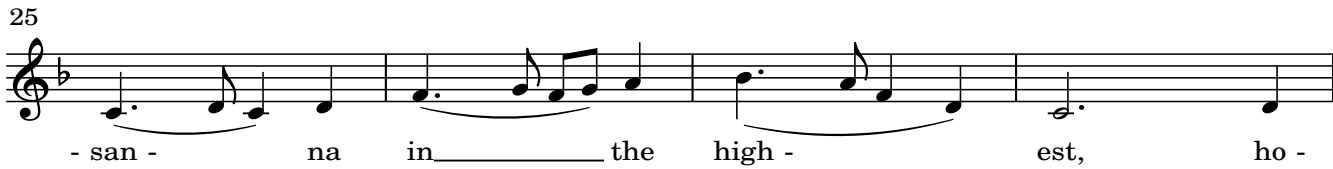
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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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- san - na in the high - est.

Restoring God, as in Christ you made a new community out of exiles, so today you gather to your table the leper, the outcast, and the wounded. Send your Spirit upon your church that it may be a community of reconciliation and truth. Sanctify these gifts of bread and wine: make them be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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.**

God of healing and grace, bless those who are in exile and see no way to reach home. Be close to all who have no house to live in, no garden to plant, no food to eat, no respite from sickness, prejudice, oppression, or danger. By the power of your Holy Spirit abide with those whose time is short, that they may know that if they die with Christ, they will also live with him; that if they endure, they will also reign with him; until that day when he returns in glory with judgement enfolded in mercy and truth embraced by grace, ever one God, Trinity of holiness and love.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Lord's Prayer

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

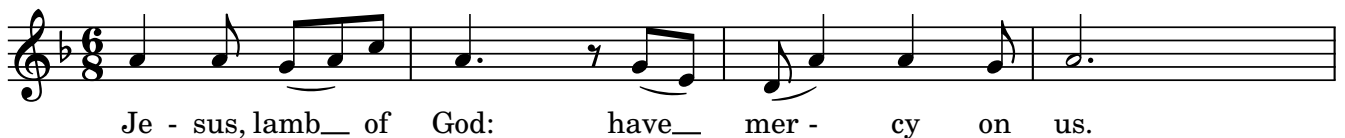
**All** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

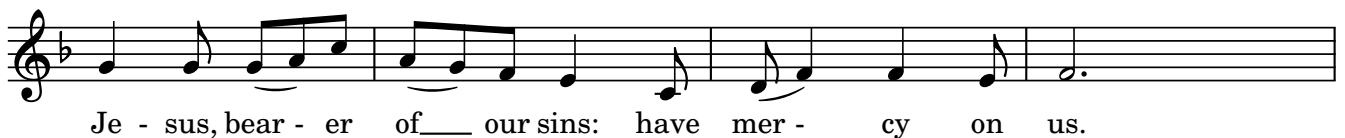
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

## Agnus Dei



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## 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.*

*After you have received Communion, if you would like to receive prayers for healing and anointing (you will be asked if you would like laying-on of hands) please wait with others and move forward to a member of the healing team when a place becomes available. Please describe in a few words who or what you would like to pray for. Once prayers are over and you have been anointed, please return to your place.*

*The Choir sings a selection of anthems.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

**All Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.**
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Organ Voluntary





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