

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

Sunday 31 May 2026, 10am
Trinity Sunday

The Eucharist



The Trinity *Andrei Rublev*, 15th century

Presider
Revd Dr Sam Wells

Preacher
Revd Richard Carter

Deacons
Revd Catherine Duce and
Revd Andrew Woodward

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Organist
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Setting
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

Our worship draws us together as one community face to face with God. Being with God and one another is what we call communion. We are glad you have chosen to join this precious moment.

Welcome whether you are joining us onsite or online. If you would like not to be on camera, please sit outside the pillars on the right as you enter.

Welcome to babies, children and young people. We support breastfeeding in services; we also have a room allocated if preferred. We understand that young children make noise. If you are under three and are looking for a quiet space, there's a room where your carer can watch the service. If you are aged 3-11, Children's Church gathers during the Gloria, not long after worship begins. A youth group for teenagers meets fortnightly on Sunday afternoons.

Welcome if you are disabled, unwell, have experiences of dementia, or physical, sensory or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online. Large print copies are 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 the lifts near the portico.

Welcome to anyone concerned about 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 speak in their preferred language. 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. If you'd 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.

Welcome if you are looking for silent contemplation. We keep an intentional period of silence after the confession, the sermon, the anthem, and the intercessions. You are welcome to receive prayers for healing and wholeness at the altar rail at the end of the service.

During the service we receive bread in the form of a wafer, and wine from a common cup. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available on request in the south aisle. If you need to receive in your seat, let a welcomer know; ministers will come to you. If you would rather not receive communion you may bow your head to indicate you would like to receive a simple prayer for blessing, or you are welcome to remain in your seat.

You are welcome to share in refreshments in St Martin's Hall after the service. Our welcomers can show you where to find toilets. We invite your ideas to help us to become a more welcoming community.

We are glad you are here.

The Gathering

Introit O lux beata trinitas *Katy Cooper*

O lux beata trinitas et principalis unitas. As now the fiery sun departs, shed thou thy beams upon our heart. Deo Patri sit gloria, cum Spiritu Paraclito, et nunc, et in perpetuum. *To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise; thee may our glory evermore in lowly reverence and awe. (Te mane laudum carmine, te deprecemur vespere: te nostra supplex.)*

Ascr. St Ambrose (337-397), tr. John Mason Neale, 1851

Welcome

Please stand.

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 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

God the Father, we confess to you our failure in thought, word, and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

God the Son, we confess to you our failure to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit, we confess to you our failure to love, protect and cherish all the creation you have entrusted into our care.

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 *see opposite*

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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
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 -
ceive our prayer. Org.
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.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end *read by Celia Webster*

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end *read by Anna Gregorowski*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 **Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
- 2 **Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**
- 3 **Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-end

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

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 4 **Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

John Marriott (1780-1825)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Silence is kept.

Anthem Christ has no body now but yours *David Ogden*

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he sees, yours are the feet with which he walks, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands. Yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes.

Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582)

Silence is kept.

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 a member of the congregation*

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.**

Silence is kept.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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



Offertory Hymn

- 1 **All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 2 **Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
Chorus**
- 3 **Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
Chorus**
- 4 **Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia.
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
Chorus**

continued...

5 All ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia.
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and on him cast your care:
Chorus

6 And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
Chorus

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

7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Chorus

William Henry Draper (1855-1933) based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

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:

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

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.**

Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead. In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son. And so adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim and with all your glorious company in bright array we celebrate the glory of your praise.

The musical score is written for organ and voice in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with an organ introduction marked 'Org.' and a forte 'f' dynamic. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and' are written below the notes. The second staff continues with a fortissimo 'ff' dynamic and the lyrics 'might. Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff starts with an organ introduction marked 'Org.' and a piano 'p' dynamic, with the lyrics 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff concludes with a pianissimo 'pp' dynamic and the lyrics 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes various musical notations such as rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

Lord God, there is none beside you; you are perfect in power, in love, and purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit. Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be made ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds. As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives go unrecognised. As they work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone. As they relish one another in deep delight, revitalize those who live without joy or hope. Make your church a community across time and space which enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The 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

All **As Christ breaks bread with us
he enfolds our story in his story.**

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: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

As Christ became part of us by taking on our flesh, become part of Christ by partaking of his body.

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 O Trinity! Will Todd

O Trinity! O Unity! Be present as we worship thee, and with the song that angels sing unite the hymns of praise we bring. Three persons praise we evermore, one only God our hearts adore. In thy sweet mercy ever kind may we our sure protection find.

11th-century Anon., Ave! Colenda Trinitas, tr. John Chandler Lauda Syon, Part 1, 1857

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Giver of Life, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1** How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
- 2** Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face:
they sing, because thou art their Sun:
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.
- 3** How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c.1645-1694)

Blessing of Richard

You have been among us as one who walked with us when we were poor in spirit;

All **May yours be the kingdom of heaven.**

You have been among us as one who mourned with us;

All **May you be comforted.**

You have been among us as one who was meek;

All **May you inherit the earth.**

You have been among us as one who hungered and thirsted for righteousness;

All **May you be filled.**

You have been among us as one who was merciful;

All **May you receive mercy.**

You have been among us as one who was pure in heart;

All **May you see God.**

You have been among us as one who was a peacemaker;

All **May you be called a child of God.**

You have been among us as one who stood with those persecuted for righteousness' sake;

All **May yours be the kingdom of heaven.**

You have been the salt of our earth; you have been the light of our world. You have been a living flame of love, and you have kindled a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of our hearts. You have been a channel of the Holy Spirit and you have shown us the face of Christ. May the Father now give you a double portion of his Spirit, that you may walk in the paths of righteousness, all the days of your life.

All **Amen.**

Sung Benediction for Richard Where e'er you go *Allan Friedman*

Where e'er you go, I will go. Where e'er you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God shall be my God. I will die where e'er you die, there I will be buried. May the Lord humble me if aught but death parts me from you. Amen.

Ruth 1: 16-17

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary Andante from Harpsichord Concerto No.7 in G minor, BWV 1058 *J.S. Bach*

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