

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

Sunday 23 August 2026, 10am
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Andrew Woodward

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

Deacon
Revd Philippa Boardman

Soloist
Katie Meredith

Organist
Richard Pearce

Mass 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@smidf.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@smidf.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 Take this moment *John L. Bell*

Take this moment, sign and space; take my friends around; here among us make the place where your love is found. Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret, letting your forgiveness touch all I can't forget. Take my talents, take my skills, take what's yet to be; let my life be yours, and yet let it still be me.

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

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 All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.**
- 2 All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.**
- 3 All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.**
- 4 All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.**

continued...

**5 All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.**

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith to the one who longs to embrace and restore us.

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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.

Gloria in Excelsis *see opposite*

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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. *mp* 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 *Org* prayer.
 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. *ff* A - men, a -
 -men, a - - - - men.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 1: 8—2: 10 *read by Huw Mathias*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of

the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 12: 1-8 *read by Noriko Inagaki*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you;
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever

you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**4 Lord Jesus Christ,
we would come to you,
live our lives for you,
Son of God.
All your commands we know are true,
your many gifts will make us new,
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Silence is kept.

Anthem My Eyes for Beauty Pine *Howells*

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace: no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: tis
named when Goddës name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle
heart, that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

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.

The 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.**

Silence is kept.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Please stand.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
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 **Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 **Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3 **Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**
- 4 **Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

continued...

- 5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

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

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879)

The Preparation of the Table The 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.
Amen.**

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.**

We lift our hearts and give thanks and praise to you, God of our mothers and fathers, because you brought order out of chaos, you called a people to be your own, and in Moses you saw the misery of your people and heard their cries. In Elijah and the prophets you pleaded with your people to be true to their identity as your chosen ones, and finally in Jesus you came down to deliver us from sin and death and oppression through the obedience of the cross and the glory of the resurrection. And so we gladly thank you, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to sing the hymn of your unending praise.

Org. *f* 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.

We thank and praise you, Lord God, because in the power of your Holy Spirit you give us everything we need to follow you – gifts of prophecy, ministry, exhortation, generosity, leadership, and compassion. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may be not conformed to your world but transformed by your renewing grace. Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine and make them 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.

God of deliverance, you open up the gift of your scripture to reveal who you are and who we are. Through the gift of your holy communion, bring your whole creation into the form of your likeness. Have mercy on those who are oppressed, be close to all who live under hostile regimes, and hear the cries of all whose children are in constant danger. Make us a subversive people who incubate your exodus and practice divine disobedience, until the day comes when all the world praises your name and is filled with your justice and peace. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever.

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.**

The 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 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

Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are all those who are called to his supper.

All Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

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 Laudate Dominum Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes laudate eum, omnes populi quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper. Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. *Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all people. For he has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.*

Psalm 116

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

**All God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name 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.**
- 3 Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**
- 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.**

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

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary Fantasia in G, BWV 572 J.S. Bach

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

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