



Sunday 4 October 2026, 10am

Harvest Festival Eucharist

Presider

Revd Catherine Duce

Preacher

Revd Andrew Woodward

Deacon

Eugene Ling

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields
and the Choir of the Chinese
Congregation

Directed by

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Mass Setting

St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

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 Greeting

Introit Hamba Nathi *Trad. Xhosa*

Hamba nathi Mkhululi wethu. Mkhululi, Mkhululi, Mkhululi wethu. *You are holy, you show us the way. You show us, you show us, you show us the way.*

Trad. Xhosa

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.**

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

- 1 Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Let us pray to the Lord, confessing our fears and failings.

The earth is yours and all that is in it, but we treat the earth as our own possession.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bless us with good things, but we close our hearts to the cries of others.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You offer us the Bread of Life, but we fight over the food that perishes.

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 *opposite*

Collect

Creator God, breathing your own life into being, you gave us the gift of life: you placed us on this earth with its minerals and waters, flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty. You gave us the care of the earth. Teach us, Creator God of Love, that the earth and all its fullness is yours, the world and all who dwell in it. Call us yet again to safeguard the gift of life.

All **Amen.**

A prayer from the Christian Conference of Asia

Please sit.

Gloria in Excelsis

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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
mp
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 -
Org.
ceive our prayer.
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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
ff
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - -
-men, a - - - - - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 *read by Julian Templeman*

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end *read by Peakanyo Mokone*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your

righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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 For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 17: 11-19 *read by Eugene Ling*

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 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Andrew Woodward

Silence is kept.

Anthem For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends of earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Please stand.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Susannah Woodd*

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.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace is God's gift, both peace with God the creator and peace with all creation.

Please stand.

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**.*



Members of today's congregation are invited to place their pledge cards in the collection bags.

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 ledest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way hath 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 (1882-1226)

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.**

Hearts and minds and souls and voices we lift in thanks and praise to you, Lord God of heaven and earth. You made the earth as a playground for us to enjoy your glory, and yet we consistently turn your abundance into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. In Noah you drew all the goodness of your creation into one ark, and in Moses you placed the law of love into the ark of your covenant. In Christ you turned the wood of manger and cross into the ark of your salvation. And so we rejoice to thank you, singing, with all the company of heaven, the hymn of your unending praise. archangels gather around your throne, singing the song of thanks and 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.

God our rock, to trust in you is to build a house on solid ground that will never shift through wind and rain. You make and renew your church through your word of life. Send your Holy Spirit upon your people, that all who eat and drink in your name may behold you face to face and taste and see that you are good. By that same Spirit come down upon 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.**

Renewing God, after half a year of flood you brought the ark of hope to solid ground and gave your creation new birth. Heal your stricken world today, that the groaning of the soil, the skies, and the seas may foretell the greater glory you have prepared for your time of eternal covenant grace. As you justify your children by faith, uphold all who face injustice and neglect and cruelty. Hasten that day when your new heaven and new earth will engulf the distress and disappointment and destruction of your people, and you will be all in all, everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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

p Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the

mp world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the

mf world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the

p world: *pp* grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Taste and see. Happy is the one who finds strength in Christ, our living bread.

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 The heavens are telling Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Based on Psalm 19: 1–3

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

You, O God, who turn storms into gentle winds and troubled seas into tranquil waters, you who make yams grow and bananas blossom, wash our people with justice, teach us with righteousness, speak to us daily, strengthen us to serve you.

All **Amen.**

A prayer of Bernard Narokobi, Papua New Guinea

Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

May God our Creator bless you and make your days fruitful. May God our Saviour guide you, and make your ways just. May God our Comforter strengthen you, and make your heart hopeful. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

continued...

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

Lobe den herren, Joachim Neander (1650–1680), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)

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 Carillon, 24 Pièces en style libre *Vierne*

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

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