

Sunday 25 October 2026, 10am
The Last Sunday after Trinity

The Eucharist



Loving Our Own Minds

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St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ 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 Greeting

Poem *written and read by Susan Marina Wolfe*

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 **Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, God, 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.**
- 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.**

continued...

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

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879)

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.

You love us, and ask us to love you with all our hearts, but we turn away from the shape and image of your love. For those times when we have closed our hearts to you, our neighbours and ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

You guide us, and invite us to love you with all our souls, but we leave one another feeling unseen, unheard, and alone. For those times when we have misunderstood, dismissed or neglected the needs and insights of those around us; for those times when we have judged and shamed those parts of ourselves that need the most loving.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You create us, and call us to love you with all our minds, but we are slow to recognise the beautiful and diverse patterning of your image alive in your creation. For those times when we have failed to cherish the gifts and wisdom to be found in different ways of thinking, of feeling, of learning, and of perceiving.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of life, 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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and dynamics are indicated by 'f' (forte) at the beginning and 'mp' (mezzo-piano) later. The score is divided into several systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding English translation. The lyrics are: '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. 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.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

f
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. *mp* 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,
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glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *ff* A - men, a - -
-men, a - - - - - men.

Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 *read by a member of the Disability Advisory Group*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 *read by a member of
the Disability Conference Planning Team*

Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?**

continued...

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 34-end

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

- 4 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

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

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Chantal Noppen



Please scan the QR code above to see the painting by Revd Canon Alice Kemp.

Silence is kept.

Anthem Take this moment

Take this moment, sign and space; take my friends around; here among us make the place where your love is found. Take the time to call my name, take the time to mend who I am and what I've been, all I've failed to tend. Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret, letting your forgiveness touch all I can't forget. Take the little child in me scared of growing old; help him/her here to find his/her worth made in Christ's own mould. 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)

Silence is kept.

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

- 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 members of the Disability Advisory
Group*

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. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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 mission 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

Sing once in unison and then follow leaders to repeat hymn as a round.

- 1 Be present, Lord, among us here,
and speak to drive away our fear,
and as a stranger seeking rest
be with us now as host and guest.**
- 2 Our mind and spirit, flesh and bone,
our past and present, things to come:
to you, O Lord, we now present –
we gladly spend, are gladly spent.**
- 3 Our presence, Lord, we dedicate,
this time is yours, and we will wait,
to friend and stranger may we give
the gifts to help each other live.**

Ally Barrett

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:

You shall love the Lord with heart, soul and mind.

All We bring ourselves as we are, holding nothing back.

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.**

Gentle God, you made us your neighbour and you love us as you love yourself, with all your heart and soul and mind. You shared yourself with us and called a people. In Christ you combined the law and the prophets. He loved us like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. In your Son's death and resurrection you did not stand idly by when our blood was at stake. You transformed the hatred in our hearts through the joy of your heart. And so we gladly thank you, praising you with the whole company of heaven in everlasting song.

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.

Tender God, by your Spirit David called you Lord. Visit us by that same Spirit now that we may become a people whose diversity of soul and mind celebrates the glory of your creative purpose. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup, again he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'This is the blood of the new covenant poured out 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.**

Holy God, you do not render an unjust judgement. Shape your church that it may love itself in its breadth of heart and soul and mind. Inspire each one of us to love our minds as an image of your Son's mind. Free your children from impure motives and trickery, from flattery and greed. Spread through your creation your Spirit of justice and joy, that your people may find courage to stand with hope and find truth in difference and herald your realm in action and word. Until the day when we share the mind of Christ, and that mind be one of grace and truth, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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, the body of Christ.

All **Through its breaking and sharing, may we be made whole.**

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 *pp* world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Come to this table – come and share the bread of God’s life and the wine of Christ’s lifeblood.

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 Jesu, joy of man's desiring *J.S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne. Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings, where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead thine own.

From Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life), BWV 147

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All God of grace and glory, we thank you that you are not partial to the poor and you do not defer to the great. Send us out to treat everyone with the respect that you give us. Empower us with your Spirit to make your whole world a Eucharist. In Christ your risen Son 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 God's 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** Here and now we're bound together:
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.
- 2** Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your church on sure foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.

continued...

**3 In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play.
as we live the Great Commission,
joyful in your world today.**

Ally Barrett

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing Anthem God be in my head *John Rutter*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.

From the Sarum Primer, 1514

Organ Voluntary Versets on a Choral Melody *Vann*

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

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