



Sunday 23 January 2022, 10am  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

# The Eucharist

Presider  
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher  
Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by  
Jennifer Sterling

Organist  
Richard Tanner

Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ Common Worship

## **Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or worshipping online.**

Please note the following guidelines for worship in the building. These are gestures of the care we have for one another.

- Wear face coverings indoors unless you are medically exempt. This is particularly important now we have reintroduced congregational hymn singing.
- Be respectful of those who wish to maintain social distancing.
- Make use of hand sanitiser stations as needed.
- At the Peace you are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.
- Receive communion in one kind – the bread – only.
- Leave contact information to be kept securely for 30 days for Test and Trace.
- Take a lateral flow test before coming to church. Tests are available from the stewards.

### Filming

This service is being streamed live to our public Facebook page. The camera focuses on the clergy and other contributors only for most of the service but turns to face the congregation at times, in the central block of seating between the pillars. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in one of the side areas and let a steward know if you would like to receive communion. We will be filming the reading of the Gospel from halfway down the central aisle. Please note people sitting in pews immediately around this may be caught on camera at this point.

### Supporting St Martin's

In line with health advice we have reintroduced cash offerings as part of our worship. You are also invited to give in other ways:

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# The Gathering

Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.**

**2 He comes, the prisoners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.**

**4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved name.**

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Confession

The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news.

*Silence is kept.*

You open heaven to us, but we close it to others.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You place your Spirit upon us, but we deny you in word and thought and deed.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You call us to follow you but we have turned away.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

Gloria in Excelsis (opposite)

## The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

*Please sit.*

# Gloria in Excelsis

The musical score is written for a vocal soloist and organ. It begins in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The first system has a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. 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." The second system starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a key signature change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics continue: "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." The organ part is indicated by "Org." above the staff. The third system returns to the original key signature and has a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "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." The fourth system has a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - -". The score ends with a double bar line.

*f*  
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.  
*f*  
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 - -

# The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *read by Steve Adams*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Hear the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a *read by Lawrence Warner*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole

body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Hear the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Gospel Hymn

- 1    Come now, O Prince of peace,  
      make us one body,  
      come, O Lord Jesus,  
      reconcile your people.**
- 2    Come now, O God of love,  
      make us one body,  
      come, O Lord Jesus,  
      reconcile your people.**

*continued...*



**3 Come now and set us free,  
O God, our Saviour,  
come, O Lord Jesus,  
reconcile all nations.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 14-21

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

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.  
**The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn (continued)

**4 Come, Hope of unity,  
make us one body,  
come, O Lord Jesus,  
reconcile all nations.**

*Geonyong Lee (b. 1947) revised by Marion Pope (b. 1928)*

*Please sit.*

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells



Anthem    God be in my head    *Howells*

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 my heart,  
And in my thinking;  
God be at mine end,  
And at my departing.

*Sarum Primer, 1558*

*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 Bronwyn Sanders*

*The response to the prayers is:*

Lord in your mercy

*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.**

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

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 either in person through a handshake or a non-physical gesture, or through writing a comment in the Facebook feed.*

*A collection will be taken for the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate in the following ways:*

- cash in the collection bags filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable
- select amount and tap the card machines brought by the stewards
- online at [stmartininthefields.myknowchurch.co.uk/giving](http://stmartininthefields.myknowchurch.co.uk/giving)
- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message).

## Offertory Hymn

- 1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.  
*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.*
- 2** Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.  
 Your word alone has power to save us.  
 Make us your living voice.  
*Chorus*
- 3** Longing for food, many are hungry.  
 Longing for water, many still thirst.  
 Make us your bread, broken for others,  
 shared until all are fed.  
*Chorus*
- 4** Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 walls made of living stones.  
*Chorus*
- 5** Many the gifts, many the people,  
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
 Let us be servants to one another,  
 making your kingdom come.  
*Chorus*

*Bernadette Farrell (born 1957)*

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

*All* **Amen.**

## 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.**

To worship you, Lord God, is our joy and our strength. As the heavens tell your glory and the firmament proclaims your handiwork, we open our hearts in thanksgiving to pour forth your praise. Your prophets foretold a day when your Anointed One would bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In Christ you proclaimed the year of your favor and fulfilled the promise of your glory. In his death he faced your world's impulse to remain in the prison of sin, but by raising him from death you opened the gates of life eternal and set us free. And so with the saints in heaven above and on earth below, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It includes a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) and a tempo marking of *Org.* (Organ). The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po-wer and" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo) and the lyrics "might. Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est." The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It includes a dynamic marking of *p* (piano) and a tempo marking of *Org.* (Organ). The lyrics "Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the" are written below the notes. The fourth staff continues the melody with a dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) and the lyrics "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Baptising God, as you created the body with many members, each in need of one another, and from many members make us one, transform us around this table to realise our common need for one another. Sanctify us as we drink of the one Spirit to make us one in you. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. 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.**

Wondrous God, whose ways are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold, hasten the day when those ways shall be known in all the earth. Fix your promise in the hearts of your children who suffer, that as members of your body they may never suffer alone. Let loose your praise from the lips of those who rejoice, that in your body they may never rejoice alone. Make the simplest among us the wisest in you. Revive the souls that wait on you and restore the hearts that rest in you, until eternity dawns and the voice of thanksgiving is heard through all the earth, giving glory to you our living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*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

Make yourself known to us, Lord Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

## 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

Come to this table you who have much faith  
 and you who would like to have more;  
 you who have been to this sacrament often,  
 and you who have not been for a long time;  
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
 and you have sometimes failed.  
 Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at St Martin's. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head. Gluten free wafers are available.*

## Communion Anthem    We shall walk through the valley in peace *Spiritual arr. Hogan*

We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.  
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.  
We will meet our loved ones there.  
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.  
There will be no trials there.  
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

*Silence is kept. Please sit or kneel.*

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, you have saved the good wine until now and we have received your glory.

*All*    **Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

### Ask the Vicar



## Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice.  
*Alleluia.***
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
*Alleluia.***
- 3 They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.  
*Alleluia.***
- 4 Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name;  
with the same faith his word proclaim.  
*Alleluia.***
- 5 Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
*Alleluia.***
- 6 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
*Alleluia.***

*George K A Bell (1883–1958)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Organ Voluntary

## **Parish News/Diary/Special Notices**

**Children's & Youth Church**/today. For more information email Sally.

**Tea@3** with Revd Catherine Duce for friendship and care over Zoom with a hot beverage. To join email [catherine.duce@smitf.org](mailto:catherine.duce@smitf.org).

**The funeral of Dudley Green** will take place on Tuesday 25 January, 3.00pm at The Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AN. There are a limited number of places available. If you would like to attend please email the Preacher at Charterhouse Revd Canon Ann Clarke at [ann.clarke@thecharterhouse.org](mailto:ann.clarke@thecharterhouse.org). Those coming are asked to have had a negative lateral flow test on the day. There will be a Memorial Service for Dudley held at St Martin-in-the-Fields at a later date. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. We particularly hold his brother, Stephen Green, in our prayers during this time of sorrow.

**Archers/Thursday 27 January, 7pm**, Austen Williams Room. Begins with an informal Eucharist at 7.00pm followed by a hot supper. This month, to celebrate Robbie Burns, please bring if you can a favourite poem to read. Please click here to let Michael Moran know if you would like to come so we know numbers for supper. All are welcome.

**Lent Course/Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 6, 13 April 6.30–8.45pm.** This Lent, using Jeffrey John's book as our guide, we will be reflecting on the miracles of Jesus found in the four Gospel accounts. Jeffrey John helps us to read these stories afresh in a way which is scholarly but also startling, challenging, often very moving and never dull. To sign up for the Lent Course please register and pay through the following link, making sure you fill in your address so we can send you the materials: <https://bit.ly/3lk1jTY>. Please click here for more information.

**Thank you to Fiona MacMillan** for her time serving and helping to establish the online stewarding ministry. We wish her well as she refocuses on her new roles including General Synod. If you would like to be part of the online stewarding team facilitating a service as your availability allows, please contact Siân.

**A warm welcome to Sarah Shahbaz** who started this week as our new full-time verger. Do introduce yourself to Sarah if you see her around. In addition to English, she speaks Hindi, Gujarati and Urdu and shares her life with four rabbits. She will be working between Sunday and Thursday including Sunday services, Sunday International Group and Bread for the World.



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