



Sunday 9 May 2021, 10am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Eucharist

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Preacher
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The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Director of Music
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⊕ Common Worship

Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or worshiping online from home.

Please remember to keep yourself and others safe.

- Wear a face covering
- Maintain 2m distance
- Hand-sanitise regularly
- Use phones for liturgy and giving
- Sing only in our hearts

For full details, please see the separate document Congregation Safety over Covid 19.

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.

Christian Aid Week

This Sunday, at the start of Christian Aid Week, our collection goes to Christian Aid rather than St Martin's. Please use this link to make a donation to Christian Aid from the St Martin-in-the-Fields Congregation.

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The Gathering

A period of quiet is kept before the service for personal reflection.

Introit If ye love me *Baldwin*

If ye love me,
Keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father.
And he shall give you another comforter, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

I invite you to light a candle of hope.

All **Lord Jesus, light of the world,
shine mercy and peace on your people.**

Opening Hymn

1 Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

continued...

- 2 O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

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**

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 10.44-end *read by Lawrence Warner*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 John 5.1-6 *read by Annie Lattul, recorded*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 We pray thee, heavenly Father,
to hear us in thy love,
and pour upon thy children
the unction from above;
that so in love abiding,
from all defilement free,
we may in pureness offer
our eucharist to thee.
- 2 Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of life.
- 3 O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh;
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.

Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929)

Gospel Reading John 15.9-17

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do

what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem A New Commandment *Shepherd*

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Text: John 13: 34-5

Please stand.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

1 Corinthians 15. 3-7

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by a member of the congregation*

The response to the prayers is:

Risen 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 risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

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.

Those who join us online may wish to write the word 'Peace' or another suitable greeting in the comments bar. As we place bread and wine on the altar during the next hymn, members of the congregation watching from home are invited to write a short phrase in the comments section of the Facebook live stream placing an experience they have had this week on the altar.

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Offertory Hymn

- 1 Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with kin, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*
- 2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.
Richer than gold...

continued...

3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood,'
love, only love, is his sign.
Richer than gold...

4 Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.
Richer than gold...

5 Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word.
Richer than gold...

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

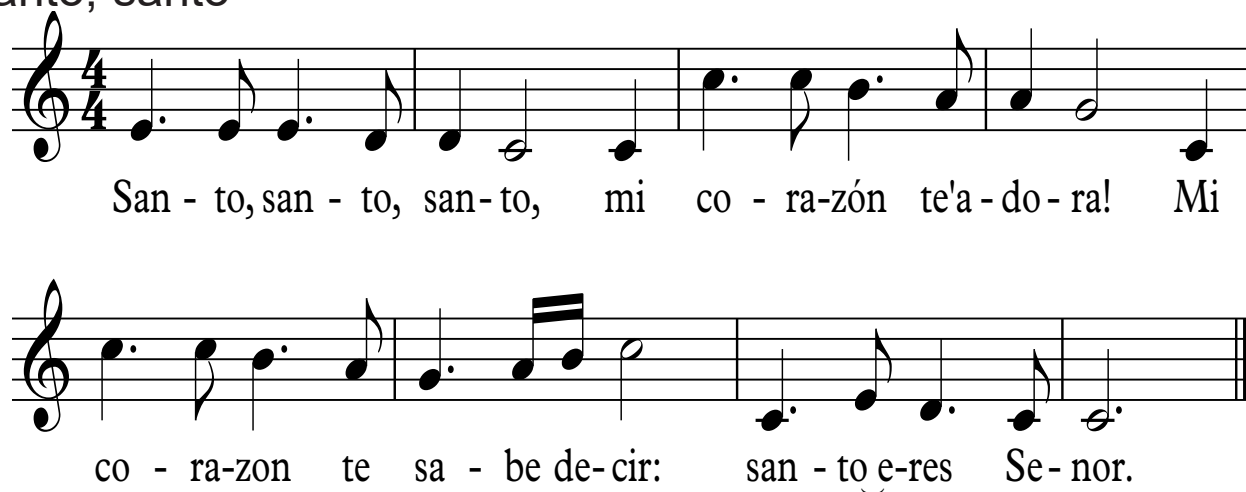
All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.**

Wondrous and merciful God, we thank and praise you because we did not choose you but you chose us. You destined us to become your friends from before the foundation of the world. You showed steadfast love and faithfulness to your covenant people and remembered your promises in every generation. Greater love hath no one than you, because in Christ you laid down your life and turned us from servants into friends, and by your Spirit you raise us up to be your beloved companions forever. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all who with your risen and ascended Son sit at your right hand on high, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Santo, santo



*Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.*

God of joys and surprises, your Son's apostles were astounded that you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles and that all the earth was awakening to the praise of your name. You invite us to join your company through baptism and sustain us in your fellowship through this meal of memory and hope. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church that it may bear the image of your crucified and resurrected Son. By the power of that same Spirit, bless this bread and this cup that they may be 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.**

Overwhelming God, you give your children faith that celebrates your sovereignty. Renew that faith among any who see your Son's continuing crucifixion more evidently than his glorious resurrection. Restore and inspire all who, in the face of evil and suffering, feel less like conquerors and more like the conquered. Walk with those who find your commandments a burden rather than a gift. Hasten the day when all shall be drawn into the banquet of your kingdom, and you fill heaven and earth with the triumphs of your grace, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own first 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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A steward will invite you forward for communion; please use the hand-sanitiser provided if you wish to receive the bread. Communion is administered in one kind only. Blessings can be given, as the sign of the cross, though the priest will remain silent. Please follow the stewards' directions for returning to your seat.

Those who are participating remotely, and cannot receive Christ in the form of bread and wine, may say:

All Gracious Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, shape in us the death and resurrection of your Son, and bring us into mystic sweet communion with you.

Communion Motet Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has
gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Anon Latin

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Ask the Vicar

Please stand.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the saviour
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807 - 1885)

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