



Sunday 12 February 2023, 10am
The Second Sunday before Lent

The Eucharist

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Preacher
Revd Richard Carter

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Setting
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome to St Martin-in-the-Fields

Welcome whether you are joining us today in our building or online. This service is live streamed to the internet so that people can join us from wherever they are. The 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 beyond the pillars on the south of the church (to the right as you enter). If you are joining us live online, we have stewards to help you to access this service available in the Facebook chat space.

Welcome whatever your access needs. **Welcome** if you are disabled, unwell, have experience of physical, sensory, cognitive or mental health issues, have dementia, or are neurodivergent. We welcome ideas to make this service as accessible as possible. Please ask the stewards who greeted you on the door if you need help. To contact us in advance email sian.conway@smitf.org or the Disability Advisory Group disability@smitf.org. The order of service is available online or in church in large print. The hearing loop works best on the south (right) of the church. Step free access to church and to the Crypt and Hall is via the north side of the church and the Pavilion.

Welcome to babies, children and young people. We understand that young children (including Jesus) make noise. If your child becomes upset during the service you are welcome to take them to the back if they need that to settle or we usually have a special room with toys and worship activities provided if parents and carers would like to take babies and preschool aged children at any point in our service. We welcome breast feeding in our services or we also have a room allocated if you would prefer. We have children's groups during the service (currently alternate weeks) and a monthly post service group for teenagers. Our Head of Children's and Youth Ministry joy.faulkner-mpeho@smitf.org and our stewards are happy to help.

Welcome to anyone with safeguarding needs. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smitf.org or speak to Revd Sally Hitchiner or Kristine Wellington, our safeguarding leads.

Welcome to Communion. Anyone who normally receives bread and wine in their own church is welcome to receive here. If you are a regular member of our church and have been baptised (whatever your age), you are welcome to receive. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten free bread are available in the south aisle of the church (to the right as you enter). If you need to receive in your seat speak to a steward.

Welcome to you with your experience of race, culture and languages. We are all invited to bring who we are into worship. At the Lord's Prayer we are all invited to bring the gift of our first language to the congregation as we hear it said in all the languages represented. Because of our historic links to Soho we have a service at 1.30pm in Cantonese but we are happy to help where we can if English is not your comfortable language. We welcome feedback in how we can grow to be a community **where racism in all its forms is eliminated**.

Welcome if you are agnostic or atheist or have different religious beliefs to Christianity. **Welcome** if you're exploring what you believe. **Welcome** if you are here to support someone else. If you would rather, you are welcome to receive a simple prayer for blessing at Communion, come forward with others for Communion and hold your arms across your chest or otherwise indicate that you would prefer this, or stay in your seat if you prefer. 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 being-with@smitf.org for more details.

We hope it hardly needs saying but you are welcome to you if you are LGBTQI+.

We are glad you are here!

The Gathering

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 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***

continued...

- 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:
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- 5 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 (1182-1226)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Lord, you have given us so much, give us one thing more: grateful hearts.

Silence.

You have given to us abundantly, but we have responded with greed and self-interest.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You have given to us all that is good, but we have taken for granted and misused the gifts of creation.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You have called us to put our trust in you, but we have been full of anxiety, derision, and doubt.

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

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 -
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 - -
men, a - - - men.

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, 'mp' (mezzo-piano) after the first line, and 'ff' (fortissimo) near the end. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 1: 1—2: 3 *abridged read by Kristine Wellington*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' And it was so.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.'

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living

thing that moves upon the earth.'

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Hear the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 8: 18-25 *read by Noriko Inagaki*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu-, alleluia:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu-, alleluia!**

**2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:**

Chorus

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 25-end

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

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

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**3 We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu-, alleluia!**

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem For the beauty of the earth *John Rutter*

Please stand.

The Apostles' Creed

All **We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
We 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.
We 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 a member of the congregation*

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

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.

A collection will be taken for the work of this church during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate using:

- 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*
- by texting COLLECTION to 70450 to donate £10 (texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message).*

Offertory Hymn

- 1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia, not as orphans**
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

continued...

**3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

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

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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:

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

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.

Gracious God, you chose life when you established your creation, when you called your people and when you made a covenant with them. You chose life when you came among us in Jesus to restore that covenant and when, after we had chosen death, you raised him in glory. You chose life when you empowered your disciples through your Holy Spirit and when you gave birth to your church so that we might give life to the world. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing 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.

God of mercy, in your Son's broken body we see how much we mean to you, and how much our faithlessness costs you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may be transformed by your hospitality and sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may become 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 glory, you uphold the most vulnerable and hear the cries of the lost. Through this sacrament unite your divided people, living and departed, faithful and unbelieving, merciful and mighty, sorrowful and ashamed, able and disabled, that you may through resurrection and coming kingdom make one body out of so many broken bodies. Restore your people in the image of your Son, that they may be a community of compassion, forgiveness, and hope; that your church may be full of your prophets, and your prophets may be full of your grace, until all tongues cease and tears are shed no more, in the presence and communion of your Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

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

Make yourself known to us, Lord Christ, in the breaking of the 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: grant *pp* us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Bread and wine are available in the central and side aisles. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle. If you wish to receive Communion in your seat do let a steward know.

Communion Anthem Love bade me welcome *Judith Weir*

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through 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** Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2** O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
- 3** All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

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