

Sunday 30 October 2022 10.00am



A Parish Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints

Presider Revd Richard Carter

Preacher Very Revd Xolani Dlwati The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by Jennifer Sterling

Organist Polina Sosnina

Setting Mass of St Thomas Thorne

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

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

- You are welcome to wear a face mask.
- 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.
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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 on the south side area 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.

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Brian Catling (1948-2022)

Brian Catling was a polymath: an artist, a performer, a sculptor, a painter, a poet, a writer, and a professor. He was educated at North East London Polytechnic and the Royal College of Art. He held the post of Professor of Fine Art at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art in Oxford and was a fellow of Linacre College. He exhibited his work internationally since the 1970s. As a writer he published poetic works, including one compendium, A Court of Miracles, in 2009. His first prose book Bobby Awl was published in 2007. He completed the Vorrh trilogy of novels in 2018. He died from small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma, a rare form of cancer, on 26 September 2022, at the age of 73. He made the processional cross that was dedicated at St Martin's in 2013 and added the matching candleholders and paschal candle stand in 2016. The cross was fashioned from three pieces of wood tied with string and then cast in aluminium and gilded in white gold by Rebecca Hind. He is survived by his fourth wife Caroline Catling and three children: Jack Catling, from his first marriage to Susan Catling, and Flossie and Finn Catling from his second marriage to Clare Northern. Catling was also married to Sarah Simblet, and had a significant relationship with Rebecca Slingsby (née Hind), though they did not marry.

Dudley Edmund Coryton Green

Dudley was born in 1936 and grew up in the Isle of Wight. He went to Ryde School and Brasenose College, Oxford greatly enjoying his Oxford days where he read the Greats - Latin, Greek, Philosophy and Ancient History. In 1960, he started a 35-year career at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School teaching Latin and RE. He loved walking and led a hiking group known as the TRAMPS introducing youngsters to the Dales, the Lakes, Snowdonia and the Scottish Highlands.

Living in close proximity to Howarth, Dudley developed a huge interest in the Brontes and was Chair of the Bronte Society in its centenary year of 1993. His interest in mountaineering led to him writing another excellent biography of Mallory of Mount Everest fame. Dudley was a faithful Anglican attending Blackburn Cathedral. He also shared a love of cricket with his brother Stephen and was a devoted member of Lords.

In retirement Dudley moved to Charterhouse where his brother Stephen was already living where he became chair of their reading group and a much loved and dedicated member of St Martin-in-the-Fields. He was a faithful Anglican loving the Prayer book, choral music and a good sermon, and a regular attender of this choral Eucharist. He joined our annual pilgrimages to Canterbury and was a very valued member of our Archive team.

Always cheerful and ready to share a story Dudley is much missed and it is great affection that we remember him, his kindness and company.

Muriel Silver Green

Muriel Silver Green was born on 1 June 1929. She was known to the family as Mue, but most people knew her as Silver.

After school she moved to London to train at Berridge House, Domestic Science College and became a cook at St Thomas's Hospital, London transferring to Royal Waterlow Hospital as Senior Cook where she met her great friend Thelma Rose, or 'Rosie', who was her supervisor and who persuaded her to train for Dietetics - the science of how nutrition affects our health, becoming Chief Dietician at a number of different London hospitals. After 40 years in the NHS, both Silver and Rosie retired to Utterby, to the bungalow she had inherited. But St Martin-in-the-Fields was her home whenever she drove back to London, with Rosie as navigator, to stay at their little flat near Hampstead Heath. Silver's heroes were Dick Sheppard and Austen Williams - and she was a devoted Friend of St Martin's.

Silver was brave, compassionate and outspoken. She had a huge concern for the poor and underprivileged and woe betide anyone she thought was not showing enough care for others and if the church were not helping the needy. Silver would set you straight and the world straight. Silver had a big heart and a generous spirit. She was not afraid to call a spade a spade and always cared most for the disadvantaged.

Miriam Joy 'Mims' Hodson

Mims was part of St Martin's community for almost 20 years, first attracted because John Pridmore had taught RE at her school. Mims had spent time on the edge and knew what it was not to fit in, she knew the pain of being misunderstood and labelled, blamed and dismissed. She was a founder member of the Disability Advisory Group, sharing her experience and ideas for becoming a more open and welcoming place, particularly for people experiencing poor mental health.

Mims became a cornerstone of St Martin's congregation and a beloved member of her cloak group. She was known for welcoming strangers, for her infectious laugh, her profound call to inclusion, her intelligence, kindness and love. She was also known for her bloody-mindedness, determination and courage in the face of long suffering, pain and isolation.

Mims was a storyteller for our 2013 Disability Conference, Places of Belonging and joined the conference planning team for the next four years. Her talk became a chapter in the book *Mental Health: An Inclusive Church Resource* (DLT 2014) and in the booklet *Calling from the Edge*. Mims had stepped back from both the conference and the DAG in recent years as her arthritis reduced her mobility significantly, and her mental health worsened, particularly after the deaths of her parents. She contributed to a new book, *At the Gates: Disability, Justice and the Churches* (DLT 2022), which was published two weeks after her death.

The Gathering

Introit Hamba Nathi

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

Rejoice people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints.

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 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones, raise the glad strain, *Alleluia.* Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers, Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs, *Alleluia.*

- 2 O higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, *Alleluia.* Thou Bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord. *Alleluia.*
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest, Alleluia, *alleluia.* Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong, all Saints triumphant, raise the song *Alleluia.*

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4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, *alleluia.*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, *Alleluia.*

Athelstan Riley (1858–1945)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings to us and set our eyes on Jesus who leads us into life.

Silence is kept.

Lord you give us the gift of faith, but we are afraid to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you call us to lives of holiness, but we refuse your blessing. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You surround us with many witnesses; but we do not welcome their company.

Lord, have mercy.

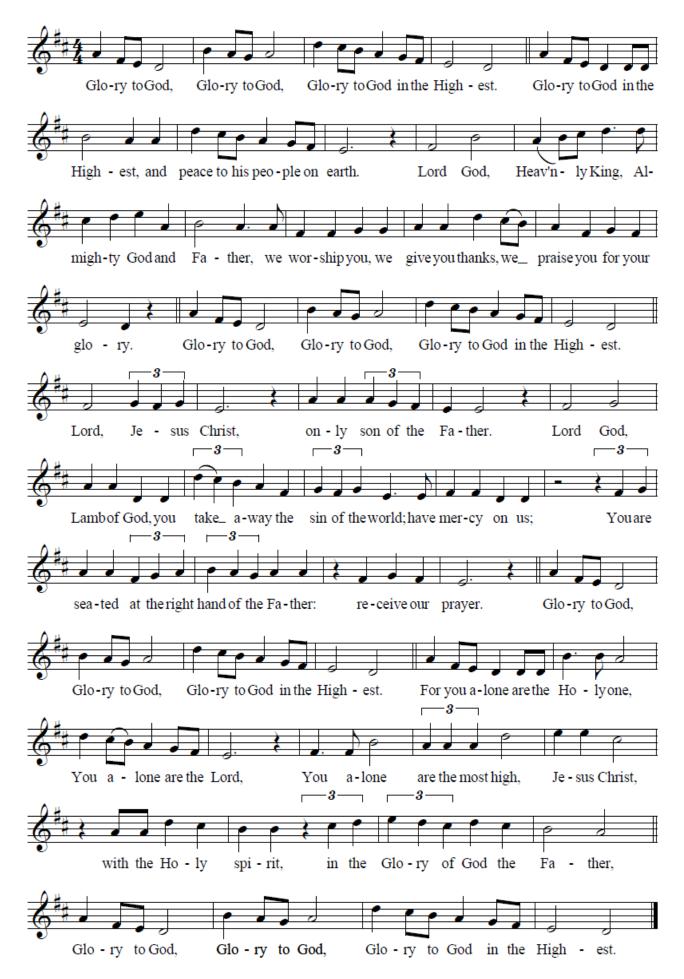
All Lord, have mercy.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis



Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 read by members of our South African visiting young people's group

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever for ever and ever.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 11-end read by members of our South African visiting young people's group

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all

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All Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel in the centre aisle.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
- 2 One family, we dwell in him, one church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.
- 3 One army of the living God, to his command we bow: part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 20-31

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn continued

- 4 E'en now to their eternal home there pass some spirits blest; while others to the margin come, waiting their call to rest.
- 5 Jesus, be thou our constant guide; then, when the word is given, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide and bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Very Revd Xolani Dlwati

Anthem Give Us the Wings of Faith *Whitbourn*

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, All 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.

The Prayers of Intercession led by members of our South African visiting young people's group

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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the kingdom of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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.

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

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Offertory Hymn

- 1 For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest: *Alleluia*.
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness still their one true light: *Alleluia*.

- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold. fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia.*
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: *Alleluia*.
- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong: *Alleluia*.
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest: *Alleluia*.
- 7 But Io, there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way! *Alleluia*.

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

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: *Alleluia*.

William W How (1823-1897)

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

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The presider takes the bread and wine.

To you we come, Father of lights with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The 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.

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes that go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.



Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and 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. Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

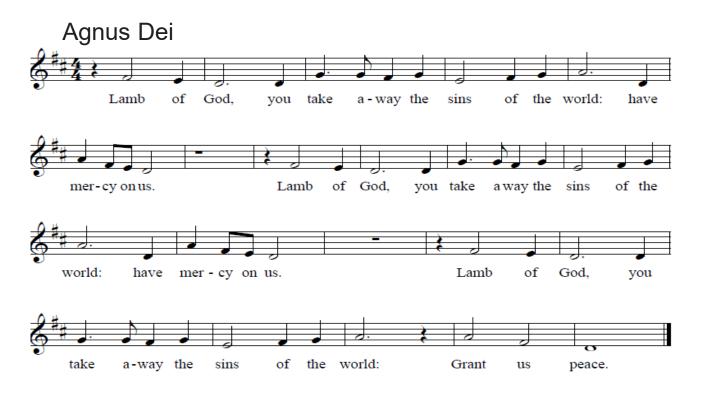
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own first language.

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.

The 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.



The Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia'. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to share the supper of the Lamb.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion in each of the three aisles.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the south aisle. In this time of covid, wine is available in the centre aisle by dipping only. If you wish to receive Communion in your seat do let a steward know.

Communion Anthem Justorum Animae Stanford

Silence is kept.

The Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God give us grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love. 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 Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation, one with us still in one body, one great congregation; with them proclaim Jesus for ever the same, Author of life and salvation.

- 2 Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us; glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us, who from the grave rose, the almighty to save, breaking the fetters that bound us.
- 3 Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping, trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping, on to the end, Christ our companion and friend, joy at the last for our weeping.
- 4 Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us, who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us; now in that Name, Jesus for ever the same, forth to his service he sends us.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

All

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