



Sunday 3 March 2024, 10am
The Third Sunday of Lent

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Angela Sheard

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Phoebe Tak Man Chow

Setting
St Anne's Mass *James MacMillan*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following access information. Toilet access is 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 beyond 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, cognitive or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online or large print copies are 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 children's church groups during the service (currently alternate weeks) and a monthly group for teenagers after Sunday morning worship.

Welcome to anyone with a need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smif.org

Welcome to all experiences of race, culture and language. At the Lord's Prayer all are invited to bring the gift of our first 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 agnostic or are from a faith tradition different from 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 being-with@smif.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 the 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 Gathering

Introit Lent Prose

Hear us... God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated bow down and hearken to thy weeping children pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Hear us...* Sins oft committed now we lay before thee with true contrition, now no more we veil them grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Hear us...*

'Attende, Domine', anonymous Latin from the Mozarabic Breviary (5th to 8th century), compiled by Dom Pothier (fl. 1824)

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We acknowledge God's presence drawing each of us into one body as we gather on site and online.

All Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.
**Though in many places, we are united as one body.
Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?**
- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun:
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.**

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- 3 **Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**
- 4 **How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.**

John Mason (c.1645-1694)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart
God will not despise. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my
sin:

Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me:
Christ have mercy.

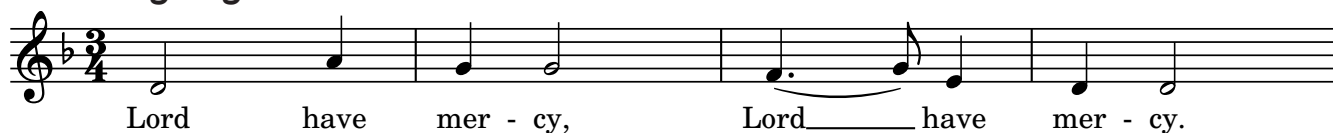
All **Christ have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit
from me:

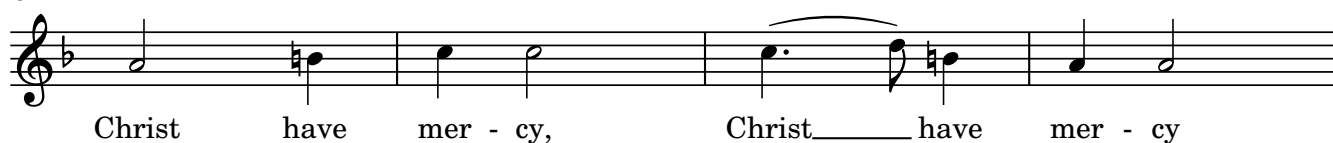
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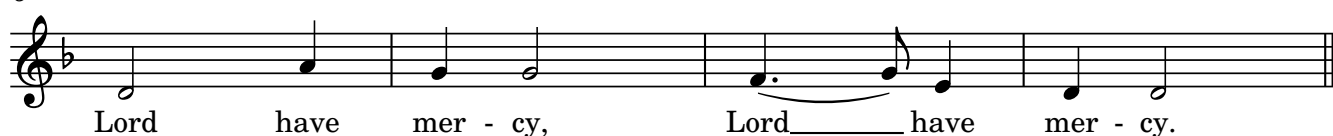
We sing together



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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.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Exodus 20: 1-17 *read by Anna Frost*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents,

to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 *read by Noriko Inagaki*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 **How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.**
- 2 **Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life —
I know that 'it is finished.'**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading John 2: 13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**3 I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Angela Sheard

Anthem There is a balm in Gilead *arr. Dawson*

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...* If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, 'He died for all'. *There is a balm...*

Jeremiah 8: 22

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 Jim Sikorski*

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

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 1** Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
Chorus
- 2** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as though hast promised, draw us unto thee:
Chorus
- 3** Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:
Chorus
- 4** From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:
Chorus
- 5** Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:
Chorus

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

- 6** For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:
Chorus

George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

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:

God of mercy and compassion, your word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

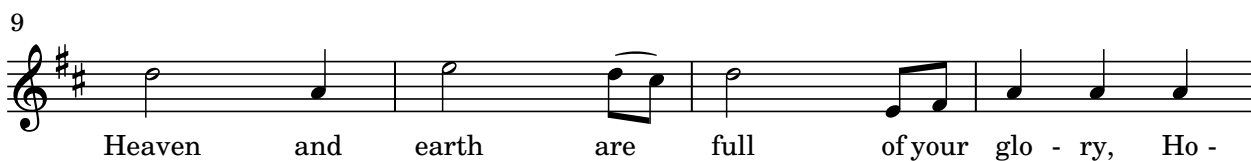
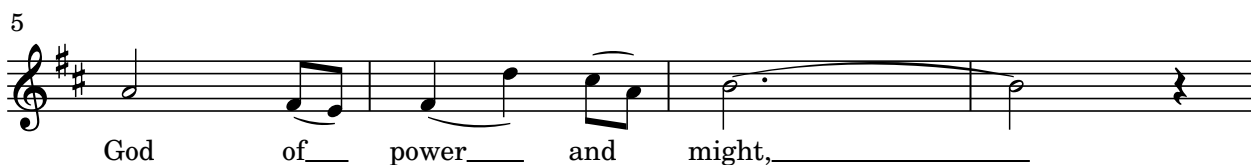
Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Covenanting God, you made this world and us to be your companions, and in Moses you revealed to us the spirit of freedom and the freedom of your Spirit. On Sinai you showed your people how to keep their freedom and walk in your Spirit. You called them to be a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. In your temple you enshrined your law and made your mercy seat the place of your people's reconciliation with you. Then in Jesus you came among your people as the embodiment of your law and the personification of your temple and the emblem of your freedom. His cross is the mercy seat in which you forgive our sin and his resurrection is the new law of life with you forever. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.



Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who

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comes in the name of the Lord Ho -

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- san - na in the high - est Ho -

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san - na in the high - est.

Righteous God, your Son said, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.' Here we gather before you to lament the agony of that destruction and to celebrate the glory of that raising up. Come into the temple of this your body, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine 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.**

Merciful Father, in your commandments we see the simplicity and the sacrifice of our life with you and your life with us. Make us holy as you are holy; raise up saints from this community, and make us quick to recognise the saints we encounter elsewhere. Fill our hearts with prophetic zeal for your house, for your holiness, for your kingdom, and for your grace. Take out of your church the idolatries that grieve you, and fill your church with the transparency of heart that honours you, until the day when all sin is transformed by your grace, all scarcity suffused with your abundance, and all disorder healed by your mercy, and you are all in all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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

Torn between anger at our sin and never-ending love for all creation we see the broken heart of God.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin_ of the_ world,_____ have

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mer - cy_ on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the

9
sin_ of the_ world,_____ have mer - cy_ on us.

13
Lamb of God you take a - way the sin_ of the world,

17
grant_____ us peace

Giving of Communion

Come and receive the food of eternal life, the drink that never runs out.

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 Steal Away Tippett

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus; steal away, stea! away home — I han't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I han't got long to stay here. Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stand a-trembling, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I han't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus; steal away, steal away home — I han't got long to stay here.

Michael Tippett (1905–1998) from 'A Child of our Time'

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

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

Please stand.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**
- 2 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore,
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

continued...

**3 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on Meine Hoffnung stehet feste by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Organ Voluntary Fugue in G minor BWV578 *J.S. Bach*

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

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