



Sunday 19 May 2024, 10am  
Pentecost

# The Eucharist

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The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Mass Setting  
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ 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 a children's church group during the service and a fortnightly youth group for teenagers on Sundays at 3.30pm

**Welcome** to anyone with a need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email [safeguarding@smitf.org](mailto:safeguarding@smitf.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@smitf.org](mailto:being-with@smitf.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 Litany to the Holy Spirit *Hurford*

In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress, and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and in head, and with doubts discomfited, sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! When the house doth sigh and weep, and the world is drown'd with sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

*Robert Herrick (1591-1674)*

## Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

## The Greeting

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive and bringing gifts for all people.

*All* **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

*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***

*continued...*

- 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:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- 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:  
Chorus**
- 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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

*All*   **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

*All*   **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

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.**

*Children gather at the north east door during the Gloria to go to Children's Church.*

*Please stand.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

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 score is divided into several systems, each with a vocal line and corresponding lyrics. Dynamics include *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *Org.* (organ), and *ff* (fortissimo). 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. 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. 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. A - men, a - - - men, a - - - - - men."

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## Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2: 1-21 *read by Julian Templeman*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream

dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear the word of the Lord.

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

Second Reading Romans 8: 22-27 *read by Fiona MacMillan*

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. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

Gospel Reading John 15: 26-27;16: 4b-15 *read by Eugene Ling  
in Cantonese*

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

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

Jesus said, 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

*Edwin Hatch (1835-89)*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Richard Carter



Anthem Come Down, O Love Divine *Vaughan Williams arr. Will Todd*

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. 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. 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. 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 (d. 1434)  
tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)*

*Please stand.*

### A Creed for Pentecost

When the Father and the Son send the Spirit,  
*All* **there is wind and fire.**

When the Father with the Son created,  
*All* **the wind of the Spirit hovered.**

When the Father with the Son appeared to Moses,  
*All* **there in the bush was the fire of the Spirit.**

When the Father with the Son drew back the Red Sea waters,  
*All* **there blew the Spirit.**

When the Father with the Son led the children of Israel through the wilderness,  
*All* **there was the Spirit's fire by night and wind by day.**

When the Father with the Son spoke to Elijah,  
*All* **there was the wind and the fire and the still small voice of the Spirit.**

When the fire raged in Babylon and the Father protected Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego,  
*All* **there was the Spirit making the Son present in the fire.**

When the wind blew on the waters of Jordan the Father spoke,  
*All* **and the Holy Spirit descended on the Son.**

When the lightning flashed and the Son died,  
*All* **the Spirit kept the Father's heart connected to the Son.**

When the stone rolled and the Son was raised,  
*All* **the Spirit rejoiced with the Father.**

When the apostles trembled after the Son left,  
*All* **the Father sent the wind and fire of the Spirit in tongues of flame.**

When the time is fulfilled and the Son returns,  
*All* **the Father will embrace the Spirit and the wind and the fire will be one.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Jim Sikorski*

*The response to the prayers is:*

Send your Spirit, God

*All* **And hear our prayers.**

*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.*

*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).*
- by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone*



## Offertory Hymn

- 1 **Be present, Spirit of the Lord,  
let sounds of earth be dumb;  
the Father's love be shed abroad,  
the dew of blessing on us poured:  
*O silent Spirit, come!***
- 2 **In power unseen upon us rest,  
your gracious gifts impart:  
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,  
a life where Christ is manifest,  
*an understanding heart.***
- 3 **Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,  
our souls to Christ incline,  
intent to do the Father's will  
and stand by faith before him still  
*in righteousness divine.***

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

- 4 **O Spirit come, and with us stay;  
make every heart your home.  
So work in us that we who pray  
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:  
*O Holy Spirit, come!***

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)*

## 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.

- All Everything in heaven and earth is yours, 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.**

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land. Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him. On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your church. 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 comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image, and that 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.

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*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith; of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life, and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water. Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair, and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language, whether that language be art or science, work or play. Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, that we may love what you love, and do what you would do, 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 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

Christ's life was taken, blessed and broken  
 All to be shared for the life of the world.

### 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, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of  
 the world.  
 All Amen.

*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 Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit *arr. Bob Chilcott*

*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.* Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please. *Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...* Jordan river, is chilly and cold, it chills the body not the soul. All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...* Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. Saint Peter waiting at the gate, said 'Come on sinner, don't be late.' *Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit...*

*Trad.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Notices

*Please stand*

### Blessing

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. And now we are called to live out his promise:

You have received the Holy Spirit! Will you dare to walk in faith, trusting that God will be your guide?

*All* **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

*All* **May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.**

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 **God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.**
  
- 2 **God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.**
  
- 3 **God is Love: with mercy boundless  
God sustains all human life.  
God's eternal loving kindness  
guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.**

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

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

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