

St  
Martin  
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the  
Fields

Wednesday 18 September 2024, 6.30pm

# Bread for the World

*with the Admission of New Members  
and Renewal of Promises of the  
Nazareth Community and  
Companions of Nazareth*



Celebrant    Revd Richard Carter  
Preacher    Revd Dr Sam Wells

Soloist    Daisy Walford  
Accompanist    Jonathan Dods

Please pray for these new members of the Nazareth  
Community who make their promises today:

Janet Allan

Clement Byukusenge

Ana Mejia

Maddie Naisbitt

Belinda Scarlett

Please pray for all the members of the Nazareth  
Community and Companions of Nazareth who are  
today renewing their promises both here in the church  
and also online. .

Introit Let us build a house where love can dwell *arr. Marty Haugen*

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Loving God,  
Come to us in the difference of every life gathered.  
Come to us in song.  
Come to us in Word  
Come to us in stillness and silence.  
Come to us in our care for one another.  
Come to us in bread and wine  
Come to us and transform us  
Reach out across time.  
Be present in all time.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Come Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for day is ending.  
With friend, with stranger,  
with the young and old,  
with the lost and found.  
Be among us tonight.  
Our guest, our host, the one who says all – all are welcome here.**

## Hymn

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3 I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

*continued...*

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.

*Richard Gillard (born 1953)*

*Please sit.*

## Prayers of Forgiveness

God longs to be with us. But we often live in alienation from God, ourselves, one another and God's creation. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Because the world is beautiful but beauty is easily destroyed, we need you.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Because we often abandon you and turn away and walk past and are afraid and countless times betray you but you love us to the end and win a victory over all hatred, we need you.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Because we have your message to proclaim, because we have your kingdom to build, because there are so many in need of your love, because we have your life to live.

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

And Jesus said 'Your sins are forgiven'.

In the name of the Father who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness and calls you to do the same, you have been set free.

All **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

First Reading Jolley Gosnold  
From the *Trellis of the Spirit of Nazareth*

The Nazareth Community and the Companions of Nazareth seek to live a simple contemporary rule of life which at its heart seeks a deeper listening and attentiveness to God. It is based on these 7s

Silence

Service

Scripture

Sacrament

Sharing

Sabbath Time

And Staying With

We are a dispersed community with a commitment to this simple shared rule of life which we seek to live generously within their own lives and contexts. Our rule of life while demanding a regular and committed discipline, seeks not to burden but to set free, not to weigh down but to uphold and to be upheld. We aim to keep the humility of a beginners mind learning from the wisdom and traditions of religious life that have gone before us to deepen our relationship with Christ, one another and the world. This is a calling to a deeper listening and attentiveness to God in all things and the peace that only God can bring.

As Jesus said: Come unto me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light. (Matthew 11.28-30)

The Nazareth Community is like a trellis of life where the buds and blossoms of our beseeching find stability in silence, the beauty of the stranger and a door wide open to all who feel they have no place to call home."

## Words on the Edge 1 Corinthians 12: 13- 27

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Reflection Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem Christ has no body now but yours - *arr. David Ogden*

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Concern

Prayer of Hope

*Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.*

## Prayer Chant O Lord hear my prayer




O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,  
when I call ans - wer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O  
Lord hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

## Blessing of the Nazareth Community

Introduction Revd Richard Carter

*Members of the Nazareth Community and Companions of Nazareth are invited to take off their shoes and come slowly forward with the five new members to be admitted kneeling at the altar rail.*

Chant Veni Sancte Spiritus



Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri tus.

Admission Revd Dr Sam Wells

Beloved in Christ, through prayer and discernment you have been called by God to become members of the Nazareth Community. This is an experiment in being with, enjoying God, cherishing life and discovering God's revelation in others. I therefore now ask these questions to all who wish to join the Community and all those who wish to renew their promises.

*To those to be admitted to the Nazareth Community*

What do you seek?

**We seek to live the Gospel with the Spirit of simplicity, compassion, forgiveness and joy.**

What grace do you ask?

**The mercy of God and the community of my sisters and brothers.**

Do you wish to become a member of the Nazareth Community and live the Nazareth rule of life - with Silence, Service, Scripture, Sacrament, Sharing, Sabbath and Staying With?

**With the help of God I do.**

*To the Nazareth Community and congregation*

From where will your help come?

*All* **Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Will you, the Nazareth Community, support them in this calling, and uphold them in your prayers?

*All* **We will, the Lord being our helper.**

Let us all keep silence as we pray for God's Holy Spirit to bless them and uphold them in this calling.

*Silence is kept.*

**The Blessing of the Crosses**

Almighty God, bless these crosses; the sign of the Nazareth Community. May they become for those who wear them a sign of your resurrection revealed in the pain and hope of the cross.

I now invite all you who wish to be admitted into the Nazareth Community to make their promises and all the members of the Nazareth Community and Companions of Nazareth who would like to renew your promises both here and online to join together with them in this promise.



## The Promise

*Members of the Nazareth Community and Companions of Nazareth say together:*

**Most high and everlasting God, accept me now as I come before you in love. I dedicate myself to the service of my Lord Jesus Christ, with silence, with sacrament, with compassionate service, with the study of your word and the sharing of your love for others, with Sabbath rest and staying with your call: I want to live the Gospel. O Lord give me grace. Amen.**

We give thanks for the promises you have made this day. May God keep you faithful, continue all that has been begun in you, and encourage you at all times in this path of discipleship to which you have been called.

*During the singing of the next anthem, Revd Dr Sam Wells admits those joining the Nazareth Community.*

Anthem Give us the wings of faith *James Whitbourn*

I receive you as a member of the Nazareth Community in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ may God continue, by the power of the Holy Spirit all he has begun in you.

## Sharing of the Peace

God is love and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## Hymn

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

**1** Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

***Chorus***

**2** Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

***Chorus***

**3** Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

***Chorus***

*John B. Foley (born 1939)*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All** **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**All** **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Together we pray:*

**All** **Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray each in our own preferred language the prayer our Saviour taught us:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God

*All* **Jesus Bread of Life, Bread that is broken, Bread for the world.**

Communion Anthem : The Real Presence *Margaret Rizza*

## Prayer after Communion

*All* **Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word for us to speak, You are the Truth for us to tell; You are the Light for us to light in the darkness, You are the Bread of Life for us to share.**

## Notices

## Blessing

Go simply, lightly, gently

Go with obedience

Go with love

And the blessing of Almighty God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

Blessing Anthem St Richard's Prayer *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

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The Nazareth Community is a young community that was founded in 2018 which gathers at St Martin-in-the-Fields and also through our Nazareth Companions who gather online and are from across the country and world. St Martin-in-the-Fields is our Motherhouse in which we all find shelter but also inspiration and the courage to live our faith. If you are interested in finding out more about the Nazareth Community of Companions of Nazareth please visit our website at: [www.nazareth.community](http://www.nazareth.community)

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