



Sunday 13 October 2024, 10.00am  
Luke the Evangelist

# The Eucharist

with Prayers for Healing, Anointing  
and the Laying-On of Hands

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 Common Worship

## Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following access information.

**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@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 [beingwith@smitf.org](mailto:beingwith@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

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 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**
- 2 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

*continued...*

- 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.
- 4 O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to the God who knows our hearts and longs to embrace us and restore us to life.

*Silence is kept.*

You call us to be doers of the word but we have been hearers only.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

You call us to love you but we have taken our love elsewhere.  
Christ, have mercy.

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

You call us to love one another but we have been selfish, cruel and mean.

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.**

### Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 forever.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*Please sit.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Job 23: 1-9, 16-end *read by Lois Howarth*

Then Job answered: 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling. I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.

'If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

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 **Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God.**
- 2 **I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

*continued after Gospel reading*

## Gospel Reading Luke 5: 12-25

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

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

Once, when Jesus was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, 'I do choose. Be made clean.' Immediately the leprosy left him. And he ordered him to tell no one. 'Go', he said, 'and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.' But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralysed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven you.' Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, 'Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you", or to say, "Stand up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he

said to the one who was paralysed—‘I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.’ Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**3** **In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.**

*Anon., based on Psalm 46*

*Please sit after the opening prayer.*

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

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.*

## 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

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**
- 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

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

- 6 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*



## 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 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.**

Besieging God, in whom the future is always bigger than the past, your son, the Sun of Righteousness, rose with healing in his wings. Your prophets brought truth and healing to your chosen people, and in Christ you turned that healing into the offer of salvation for all humankind. He gave his disciples power to heal, and he told them that when they cared for the sick they would see him face to face. When you bring us healing you give us a foretaste of the salvation you intend for us all around your throne in glory. Now we join the angels and archangels surrounding you, 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.

Saving God, your son meets us in the humble accompaniment of his incarnation, the deep mystery of his transfiguration, and the transforming joy of his resurrection. Send the Comforter and Advocate upon us that we may know Christ's healing power in body, mind and spirit. Send down your Holy Spirit that this bread and this 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.**

Renewing God, visit your children whose lives are beset by sorrow, pain, fear, or bewilderment. Make their time of distress an occasion for new encounter with your way, truth and life. Empower any who walk alongside those in the valley of despair, that each may find a blessing in the other. Visit homes, neighbourhoods, institutions and nations that are sick at heart. Invigorate your church that it may share the wonder of your Son's resurrection even as it bears the scars of his cross. Be close to any who experience the Holy Saturday between agony and hope, and know the isolation of anxiety. Give us signs of your glory, that our hearts may burn within us as we long for the full realisation of everything you have in store for your people, in the community of your son and the grace of your Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

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

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.**

## 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are available in the central aisle and both side aisles. Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle upon request from the assistant. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, do let a steward know.*

*After you have received Communion, if you would like to receive prayers for healing and anointing (you will be asked if you would like laying-on of hands) please wait with others and move forward to a member of the healing team when a place becomes available. Please describe in a few words who or what you would like to pray for. Once prayers are over and you have been anointed, please return to your place.*

## Communion Anthems Sicut cervus *Palestrina*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontem aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus. As a deer longs for springs of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.

*Psalm 42: 1*

## Ubi caritas *Duruflé*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. *Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and delight in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and let us honour him with a sincere heart. Amen.*

*Anon.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer after Communion

*All* **God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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** Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2** See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?
- 3** Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.
- 4** Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Blessing Anthem God be in my head *Howells*

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God  
be at mine end, and my departing

*Author Unknown, from Richard Pynson's Horae BVM, 1514*

## Organ Voluntary Prelude in G BWV541 *J.S. Bach*

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