



Sunday 6 October 2024, 10.00am

Harvest Festival Eucharist

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Revd Richard Carter

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Mission at USPG

Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Setting
St Martin's Mass *Bednall*

⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following information. Toilets are 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 outside 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 or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online. Large print copies are also 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. A youth group for teenagers meets fortnightly on Sundays at 3.30pm.

Welcome to anyone in need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smitf.org.

Welcome to all heritages and experiences of race, culture and language. At the Lord's Prayer all are invited to bring the gift of our preferred 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 other than 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 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 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

Sitar John Subbiah

Welcome

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 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:**

Chorus

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:**

Chorus

**4 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

Chorus

continued...

**5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

The Lord is the giver of all good things: sun and rain, day and night, justice and righteousness, food to sustain, seed to sow, peace to the old, energy to the young, hope to the forgotten, love to the world. Let us therefore turn our taking into giving and ask God to forgive our sins.

Silence is kept.

You bless us abundantly, but we worry about tomorrow.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You desire all people to eat in plenty, but we are frightened and keep more than our share.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You offer us your realm, but we seek the security of the world.

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

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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
mp
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 -
Org.
ceive our prayer.
f
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
ff
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - - -
-men, a - - - - men.

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being, 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.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Joel 2: 21-27 *read by Lawrence Warner*

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Priya's Story News from the Plantation Community Development Programme, Sri Lanka. A project supported by the Global Neighbours Group *read by Susannah Woodd*

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

The choir sings TāReKiTa *Reena Esmail*

This piece is based on sounds the Indian drum, the tabla, makes, called 'bols' — they are onomatopoeic sounds that imitate the sound of the drum. Esmail wrote this piece as a gift for the Urban Voices Project, a choir of people who are currently or have recently experienced homelessness in Los Angeles.

Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 25-33

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

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

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The choir sings TāReKiTa *Reena Esmail*

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Canon Dr Peniel Rajkumar, Theologian and Director
of Global Mission at USPG

Anthem The Canticle of Brother Sun Ives

Most high, omnipotent Lord, all praise, all honour and glory be given to thee, to thee alone, most high, all praise belong. Be praised O Lord for all thy works. For Brother Sun, whose brightness makes the light by which we see. For Sister Moon, whose beams were formed to shine so clear and bright. For Brother Wind, whose clouds and breezes blow across the land. For Sister Water, so precious, humble, lowly, chaste and pure. Be praised O Lord for all thy works. Be praised by Lord for Brother Fire whose flames and light illuminate the night. Be praised my Lord for Sister Earth, for grass and plants and flowers and all our food. Be praised my Lord for all thy love bestowed on us. Bless those who walk in peace, in quiet to live. By thee O Lord most high they shall be crowned. Be praised O heavenly Lord, all praise and blessing and glory be given to you, with humblest thanks for all he's given you. Amen.

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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 Julian Templeman*

The response to the prayers is:

God of love,

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

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy and 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*
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- 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

- Praise God for harvest-time,
sing till bells of heaven chime.
Sing of his love revealed,
fruit of earth and ocean's yield:
Alleluia, alleluia.
*Good harvest safely stored:
praise our great creator Lord!***

continued...

2 Plough turning soil and stone
by the winter stormwinds blown;
green buds on bending bough,
life to bring us harvest now:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Good harvest safely stored:
praise our great creator Lord!

3 God in the fertile land
joining with our human hand;
seed waking in the earth
stirring at the spring of birth:
Chorus

4 See in our food a sign
pointing to a love divine;
strength from a summer sky,
life bestowed as rainclouds fly:
Chorus

5 Lord, on your gifts we feed:
show us each the other's need;
give us the love to share
in our deeds and in our prayer:
Chorus

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

6 Lord, from your plenteous field
land and sea their harvest yield;
these, Lord, we bring to you,
gifts that by your goodness grew:
Chorus

Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

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 on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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.**

Hearts and minds and souls and voices we lift in thanks and praise to you, Lord God of heaven and earth. You made the earth as a playground for us to enjoy your glory, and yet we consistently turn your abundance into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. In Noah you drew all the goodness of your creation into one ark, and in Moses you placed the law of love into the ark of your covenant. In Christ you turned the wood of manger and cross into the ark of your salvation. And so we rejoice to thank you, singing, with all the company of heaven, 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 our rock, to trust in you is to build a house on solid ground that will never shift through wind and rain. You make and renew your church through your word of life. Send your Holy Spirit upon your people, that all who eat and drink in your name may behold you face to face and taste and see that you are good. By that same Spirit come down upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, after half a year of flood you brought the ark of hope to solid ground and gave your creation new birth. Heal your stricken world today, that the groaning of the soil, the skies, and the seas may foretell the greater glory you have prepared for your time of eternal covenant grace. As you justify your children by faith, uphold all who face injustice and neglect and cruelty. Hasten that day when your new heaven and new earth will engulf the distress and disappointment and destruction of your people, and you will be all in all, everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Lord's Prayer

Together with all creation, which loves its Lord and creator; together with the whole church celebrating the Eucharist around the world; let us, each in our own preferred language, pray as Christ has taught us.

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

p Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the
mp world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the
mf world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the
p world: *pp* grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Taste and see. The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

Communion Anthem Look at the world *John Rutter*

Look at the world, ev'rything all around is; look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountians, valley and flowing river, field and plain: *Praise to thee...* Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold: *Praise to thee...* Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty, his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above: *Praise to thee...*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All **Grant us the help of the Holy Spirit in all our life and worship, that we may expect great things from you, and attempt great things for you, and being one in you may show to the world that you sent Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Church of South India Anniversary Prayer

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

1 We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
Chorus

3 We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
Chorus

Wir pflügen und wir streuen, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary Toccata from Sonata No.1 *Becker*

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

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