



Sunday 24 November 2024, 10am
Christ the King

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

with the baptism of
Grace Annie Newton

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Phoebe Tak Man Chow

Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

⊕ 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

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 Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

**2 Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
*Chorus***

**3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
*Chorus***

**4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*Chorus***

continued...

**5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!***

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please sit.

Introduction Revd Richard Carter

Baptism is the end of the old life we live for ourselves, and the beginning of the new life we live with God. When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt, God parted the sea and led them to freedom. All that held them in slavery was left behind. Christ's death on Good Friday echoes the Israelites' descent into the sea. In raising Jesus from the tomb, the Holy Spirit brings him out of the sea, taking him beyond sin and death. When we are baptised, God brings these stories to life in us. God takes away the power of all that oppresses us, and we are born again in the Spirit. We are made members of Christ's body, that we may share his sufferings and inherit his glory. We begin a life of service, to God, one another and the good creation. We join a new family, everlasting and universal: the communion of saints.

Prayer

All **Father God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround us with your love; protect us from evil; fill us with your Holy Spirit; and restore us in the family of your Church; that we may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.**

The parents and godparents gather at the legilium.

Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Grace Annie and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All With God's help, we will.

Parents and godparents, will you pray for Grace Annie, draw her into the community of faith, help her take her place in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With God's help, we will.

Making Our Decision to Follow Christ

To the parents and godparents

Baptism means turning from the despair of sin to the hope of Christ. I now ask you three times if you are resolved to turn from death to life.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?

I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Please stand.

The Baptism party goes to the font during the chant. Children and other members of the congregation are invited to join them.

Baptism Chant Think of how God loves you *James MacMillan*

Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are. You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptised. Alleluia!

Baptismal song, 1 John 3: 1 and from the baptismal rite

Renewing the Outward Sign of Inward Faith

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we recall our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share with the saints in his resurrection to new life; that, having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain forever in the number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the parents and godparents and to the whole congregation

Now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which we are baptised, and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grace Annie, for you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you he lived and showed God's love. For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary, and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished'. For you he triumphed over death, and rose to new life. For you he reigns at God's right hand. All this he did to be with you, though you do not know it yet.

Baptism

Grace Annie, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Signing

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the candidate for baptism with holy oil.

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

The minister invites the parents and godparents to sign the candidate with the cross.

All the leaders of God's people, prophets, priests and kings, were anointed at the start of their ministry. Jesus also, who was Israel's prophet, priest and king, was baptised by John at the start of his ministry. This is the start of a new ministry. Grace Annie, we anoint you with holy oil, making the sign of the cross, the seal of salvation.

All Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

A Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Grace Annie, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the Lord's family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the realm of God. We welcome you.

Giving of Light

God has delivered from the shadows of night into the realm of glorious day. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Children gather at the north east door during the following chant to go to Children's Church.

Baptism Chant Think of how God loves you *James MacMillan*

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading John 18: 33-37

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked

him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing *Sally Albrecht*

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing. Alleluia, raise a song on high. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing. Lift up your voice. Alleluia, rejoice. Sing praises up to the heavens. Sing praises up to the sky. Sing alleluia. Lift your voices. Raise a song on high. *Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing...*

Sally Albrecht (b. 1954)

Please remain seated or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Flora Saxby*

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 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 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**
- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of that mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

continued...

**4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

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

**5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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:

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Glory and dominion be to you, Lord God, for your Word was alive in creation, is present in the power of the Spirit, and will come in glory on the Last Day. You made with the house of David an everlasting covenant, and your goodness is like the sun on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on a grassy land. You sent Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth. He freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you forever. And so with all the company of heaven, we rejoice to sing your praise.

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, Hea-ven and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high -
 est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

God of truth, your Son came to testify to you and lead us into all righteousness. You have prepared for us such things as pass our understanding. Send your Holy Spirit upon your people, that your word may be on their tongue. Sanctify this bread and this cup that they 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.**

God of all beginnings and endings, your Son declared his kingdom was not of this world. Bless the governance of every earthly kingdom, that it may be ruled justly, in spirit and in truth. Visit your children who live in fear, dwell under oppression, experience cruelty, or suffer discrimination. Turn struggle into hope, hope into freedom, freedom into justice, and justice into love. Bring to those who have never known you, or have forgotten or rejected you, the light of your grace and the thirst for your mercy; until your Son comes with the clouds, and all eyes will see him, and every tribe and tongue lift your name on high, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own preferred language.

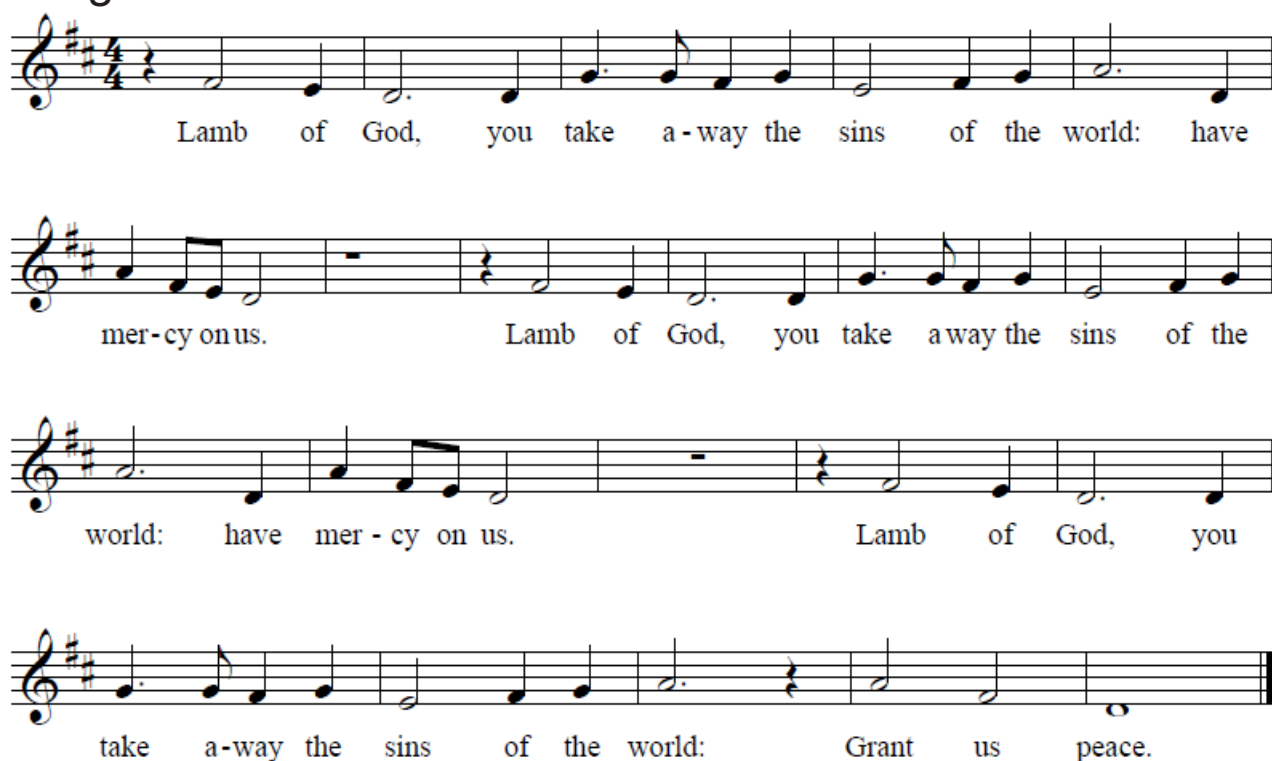
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are 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 sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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 O Rex gloriae *Marenzio*

O Rex gloriae, Domine virtutum, qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos ascendisti, ne derelinquas nos orphanos, sed mitte promissum Patris in nos Spiritum Veritatis. Alleluia. *O King of glory, Lord of all goodness, who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all, do not leave us as orphans but send us the Father's promise, the spirit of truth. Alleluia.*

Magnificat antiphon for second vespers of Ascension

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; 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 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.**
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.**
- 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.**

continued...

- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal One.
- 5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) based on Psalm 103

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

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

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