

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

Sunday 3 November 2024, 10am
Patronal Festival

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Dr Sam Wells

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields and the
Choir of the Chinese Congregation

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Accompanists
Jeremy Ng and Regina Law

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 service 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

Introit Blessed are the pure in heart *Walford Davies*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God, the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne, chooseth the pure in heart.

John Keble (1792-1866)

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 Twas on a cold and wint'ry night
the snow was falling swift and white.
Along the road a soldier came
in cloak dark blue of Roman fame.**
- 2 As he did pass along the way,
a voice cried out, 'Brave soldier, stay!'
And in a ditch the road beside,
a man near death, the soldier spied.**
- 3 Quick down he leapt and cut in two
his woolen cloak of Roman Blue.
'Good fellow, may this wool you warm,
and keep you safe from further harm.'**
- 4 Then all at once, the man did rise,
and change before the soldier's eyes.
'My Brother, Martin, good and true,
I am the Lord, and I need you.**

continued...

- 5 'You shall bear witness to my love,
and by your life, my presence prove;
to all in need, both friend and foe,
my Father's mercy you shall show.'
- 6 Baptised was Martin straight away,
then to the woods he went to pray.
But soon from Tours the people came,
and made him bishop in Christ's name.
- 7 As priest and shepherd of the town,
he ministered to all around.
May we, like him, go forth in love,
and by our lives, Christ's presence prove.
- 8 O God of Saints! to you we cry;
O Saviour! plead for us on high;
O Holy Spirit! guide and friend,
Grant us your grace 'til life shall end.

Rt Revd Frank Griswold (1937-2023)

Collect

O God, who are glorified in St Martin both by his life and death, make new, we pray, the wonders of your grace in our hearts, that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

Drama This is our home (Mark 12: 28-34)

At the end, the choir sings *You Will be Found* from *Dear Evan Hansen*
Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arr. Mac Huff

All **During a musical interlude the congregation is invited to join in saying:
This is our home. This is where we are going to learn the love of
Jesus Christ. This is the altar of our Lord, where all our peace
lies. This is St Martin's.**

Sermon Revd Dr Sam Wells

Anthem The Beatitudes *Philip W. J. Stopford*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heav'n. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5: 3-12

Please remain seated or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Jim Sikorski*

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

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



Offertory Hymn

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.**
- 2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

continued...

4 **'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

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

5 **Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

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:

Lord, you have given us so much, and we return this little to you as a sign of our gratitude and hope. Take what little we give and make it much in 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.**

God of time and eternity, you set out the glory of your heavens and show us reflections of that glory in the tiniest details of the atoms of life. When we find a thousand ways to pervert and turn away from your grace, you transform our rejection into your providence. You dwelt among your people in the cloud and pillar of fire, in the tabernacle and temple; and finally you dwelt among them in your son Jesus. In his death you defeat death, and in his resurrection you offer us life with you forever, where we shall dwell with 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.

Encouraging God, your Son Jesus died for us so that we might live together with you. He went through the deep night of betrayal, anguish in Gethsemane, trial by his own people, and scourging by his oppressors, that we might live in endless day. Send your Holy Spirit that your people may be turned from the fear of your wrath to the anticipation of your glory. By that same Spirit of salvation and hope, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine that in your kingdom of grace 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.**

Completing and perfecting God, in your Son's cross you took on the grief and failure of the world, and in his resurrection you dismantled the power of sin and death. Look with mercy on all your people whose longings are unmet. When your children plead for the chance to be creative, productive, or nurturing, give them gentleness, fulfilment, and purpose. When your people yearn to bring joy into the life of others, comfort to the afflicted, or trust to the wounded, give them courage, wisdom, and patience. When your kingdom seems far off, strengthen your church to wait with faith and hope and love: until the day when you are all in all, 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

All **We break this bread,
The broken body of Christ.**

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

These gifts, like our lives, are blessed, in order to be shared.

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 聖馬田頌 Ode to St Martin Lau Yik Long

In the bleak old days of Chinatown, friendships scarce, hearts weighed down; weary souls and spirits low, longing for shepherd he bestows. Bishop Hall looked with sympathy, called forth Reverend Lee to our community. Lowly be our gathering space, in crypt of grace, we found our place. *Sixty years of grace abound in this congregation, love is found. Be with the ones on the edge, share the gospel as we once pledged.* The trials we faced, the waves we braved, reflecting upon our roles each day. Through mists and tempests, grace he brings; embraced by him like eagle wings. *Refrain.* Tides and time shall ever change, yet one true love for ever remains. Through suffering and glory intertwined, our spirits shaped by him and refined. Glory be to the Lord, his wondrous plan, bringing all people hand in hand; each culture shines, together we stand, in awe of his wonders, united we band. *Refrain*

Joseph Lam, tr. Hayden Kwong

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Christ our host, we thank you for this table where sinners are welcomed and discover your grace: may our hearts lean to yield to your longing for us and our lives be shaped by your sanctifying Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God give you grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love; 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 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

continued...

**5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6: 24

Organ Voluntary

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

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