



Sunday 19 January 2025, 10am
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

The Eucharist

President
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Catherine Duce

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Mass 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 monthly on Sunday afternoons.

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 of no professed faith 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 O taste and see

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

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 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**
- 3 Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples—
come, our first and greatest sign!**

continued...

**4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) from John 2: 1-4

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news.

Silence is kept.

You show us signs of transformation, but we struggle to believe change is possible.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You provide an abundance, but we remain fearful and do not share. Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You serve us the best wine, but we let our neighbours drink dirty water. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

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
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 -
ceive our prayer.
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
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - -
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Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Isaiah 62: 1-5 *read by Andrew Caspari*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 *read by Fiona MacMillan*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star,
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in flesh made manifest.**
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in flesh made manifest.**
- 3 Manifest in making whole
failing limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading John 2: 1-11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Catherine Duce

Anthem Listen sweet dove *Grayston Ives*

Listen sweet dove unto my song and spread thy golden wings in me; hatching my tender heart so long till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow that the earth did like a heaven appear, the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light; restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

'Whitsunday' by George Herbert (1593-1633)

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 a member of the congregation*

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

Peace is God's gift, both peace with God the Creator and peace with all creation.

**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 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice. *Alleluia.***
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. *Alleluia.***
- 3 They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true. *Alleluia.***

continued...

- 4 O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then. *Alleluia.*
- 5 Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim. *Alleluia.*
- 6 Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light. *Alleluia.*

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

- 7 So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one. *Alleluia.*

George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)

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 God, accept our gifts: the fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Teach us to be humble and grateful for the great things you do among us. Through Christ our Lord

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.**

Redeeming God, we cannot keep silent, because your vindication of your people shines out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch. You renew the nature of creation by the grace of your saving power. Though your children wander far from your ways you call us a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in your hand. In the death of your Son we showed you the depth of our estrangement; but in his resurrection and ascension and the coming of your Spirit you showed us the height and breadth of your love. And so we thank and praise you with the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your boundless glory.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po-wer and

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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.

Gracious God, in your Holy Spirit you empower us with gifts of wisdom and knowledge and faith and healing and miracles and prophecy and revelation and discernment. Send that Spirit upon us now, that your world may see your divinity through our humanity. Sanctify this bread of humility and wine of joy 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 justice and mercy, as at Cana the wine was good, bless your whole creation. As at Cana the wine ran short, be close to all who know their need of you. As at Cana the wine ran out, succour those living in the midst of death, and dying in the midst of life. As at Cana you saved the best till last, flood this earth with the wine of your kingdom, that justice may roll down like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream, until we see you face to face, and recognise our diverse faces in the face of your Son, through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, 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

Make yourself known to us, Lord Christ, in the breaking of the 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

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you have sometimes failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 sacrum convivium Tallis

O sacrum convivium in quo sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis eius, mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. *O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

Antiphon to the Magnificat for Corpus Christi

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, you have saved the good wine until now, and we have received your glory.

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

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 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

continued...

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary Little Fugue in G BWV 578 *J.S. Bach*

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

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