



Sunday 9 February 2025, 10am
The Fourth Sunday Before Lent

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
The Ven Katherine Hedderly

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by
Jennifer Sterling

Organist
Hugh Rowlands

Setting
Kyrie from 'Missa Magnum Mysterium'
Victoria

Kilcreggan Mass *Peter Nardone*

⊕ 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

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 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

In penitence and faith let us confess the ways we have dishonoured the image of God in us.

Silence is kept.

Loving God, you make us for glory but we have turned glory into shame.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The choir sings Kyrie eleison.

Merciful God, you made us for love but we have turned love into resentment.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

The choir sings Christe eleison.

Glorious God, you made us for mercy, but we have turned mercy into hardness of heart.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The choir sings Kyrie eleison.

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



Glo - ry to God, to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

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earth. Lord God, heav - en-ly King al - migh - ty God and

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Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

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praise you for your glo - ry, we wor - ship you, we

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give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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Glo - ry to God, to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

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Glo - ry to God, to god in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

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mer - cy on us, you are sea - ted at the right hand of the

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Fa - ther: re - cieve our prayer, re -

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- ceive our prayer.

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For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

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you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, you a-

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- lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the

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glo-ry of God, of God the Fa-ther, A-men, A-

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men

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 *read by Valentina Chan*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they

covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'. Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 *read by Steve Adams*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 5: 1-11

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

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were

with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn *continued*

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Chorus

Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon The Ven Katherine Hedderly

Anthem Take me to the water *Rollo Dilworth*

Take me to the water. Take me to the sea. Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free. Gonna lay my burdens down, down by the riverside. Gonna wade in the wa-ter that flows both deep and wide. Gonna lay my sword and shield down by the river-side. Wade in the water, children. God's agonna trouble the water.

Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970), additional words from Spirituals

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 Susannah Woodd*

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 Dear Lord and Father of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
*in deeper reverence, praise.***
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
*rise up and follow thee.***
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
*interpreted by love!***
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
*the beauty of thy peace.***

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

- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
*O still small voice of calm.***

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

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:

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. 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.**

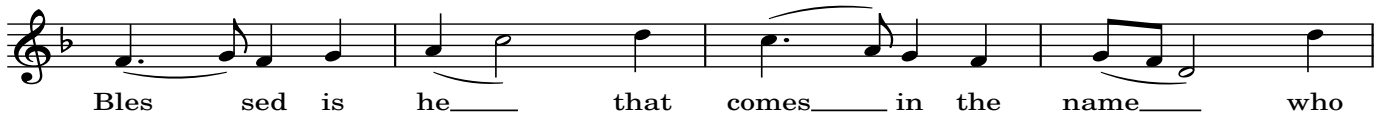
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord God of hosts, for all the earth is full of your glory. From your heavenly throne you touched the lips of your prophet Isaiah to remove his guilt; and you sent him to awaken your people. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, proclaiming through his lips your promise of life and through his death and resurrection your forgiveness of sins. At his ascension he sent forth his disciples in your name, trusting your good news to the lips of the redeemed. And so we give our thanks and praise in the great company of sinners become saints, joining together in their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
5 Lord God of hosts.
9 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho -
13 - sa - na in the high - est.

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Plenteous God, as you transformed fishermen into followers and filled empty nets with more than their boat could hold, show us your abundance in the joy of this feast. Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit that we might be faithful followers, sent into the world in strength. By your same Spirit, make this bread and cup 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 holy presence, in your temple, what is ordinary is made holy. Before your throne of grace, make your children into prophets of peace and heralds of mercy. Bless every man and woman and every boy and girl with courage to follow where you call, trusting the depth of your purpose. Meet with your grace every soul rendered an outcast by the judgements of others, and restore the fallen as your faithful followers. Renew your church to seek you in your dwelling places, among the poor and the forgotten, the sick and the imprisoned, the hungry and the homeless. Gather all your children into your holy presence as you draw angels around your throne; until we enter your eternal temple in fullness of joy and dwell with you forever, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The 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



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Giving of Communion

Jesus is the bread of life: whoever comes to him will never hunger, and whoever believes in him will never thirst.

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 Lead me Lord *Will Todd*

Lead me Lord in your righteousness. Make your way clear before my face. Only my Lord brings me safety so lead me Lord. Lead me Lord...

From Psalm 5

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All **O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

May the Father unfold to you his wisdom, may the Son make you alive to his glory, may the Spirit live in your heart with 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 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?**

continued...

- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun:
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.
- 3 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c.1645-1694)

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

From Richard Pynson's Horae BVM, 1514. Author Unknown

Organ Voluntary Prelude and Fugue sur nom d'Alain *Duruflé*

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