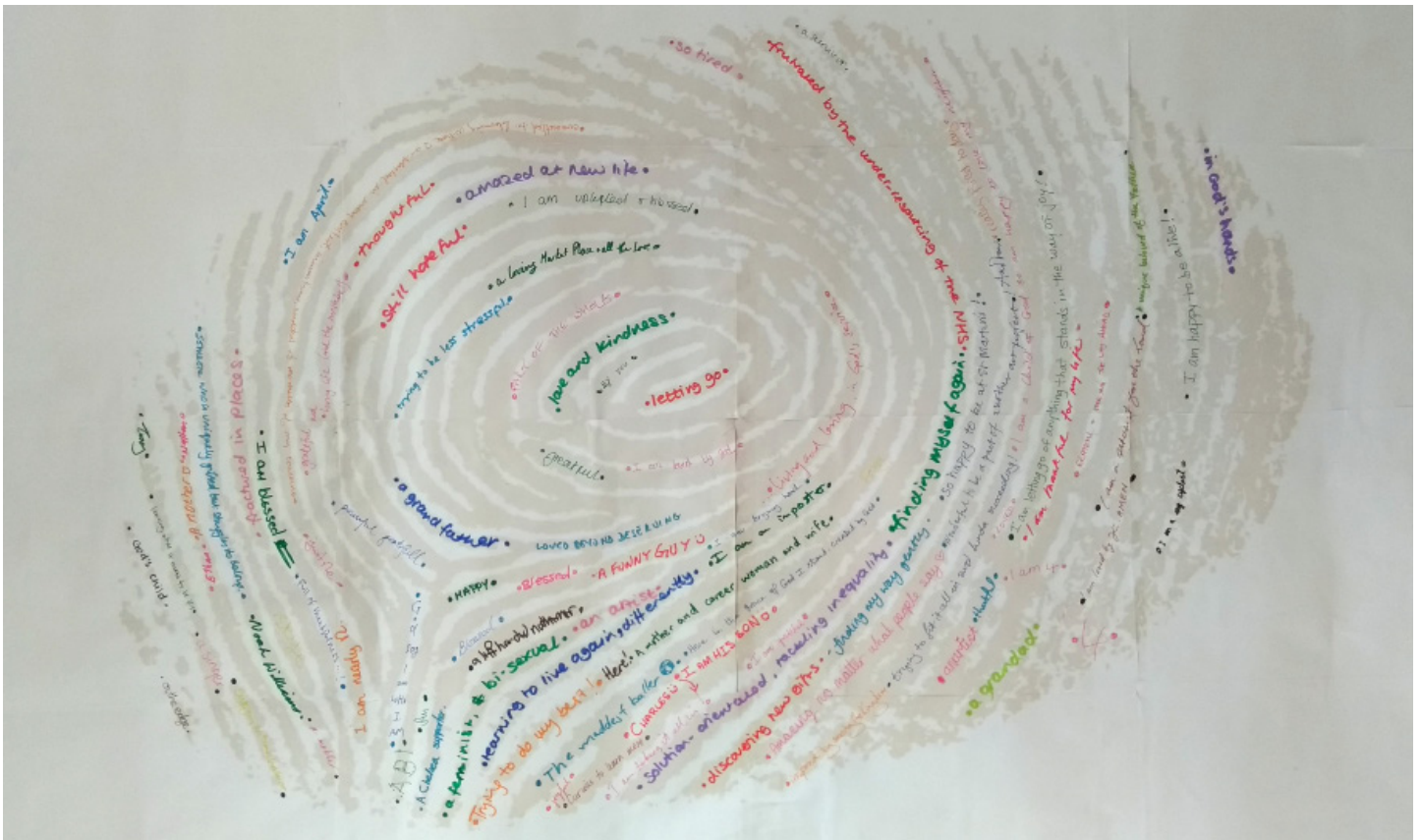




Sunday 15 October 2017, 10am
St Luke's Day

The Eucharist



'I Am....' a Fingerprint of St Martin's community, led by Disability Advisory Group, 2017

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The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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⊕ Common Worship

Welcome

We want you to feel at home at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Therefore orders for service at this church include invitations, such as 'please stand,' 'sit' or 'kneel,' so that you know in advance what most of us will do and know that you are warmly invited to join us. Please also know that if, for whatever reason, you prefer (for example) to sit silently throughout, then you are still part of our worship, and equally welcome.

Supporting St Martin's

During the singing of the offertory hymn and after we have shared the peace, there will be a collection for the work of this church.

If you would like to make a donation please take the opportunity before the service to put your gift into a white Gift Aid envelope. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the details to enable us to claim back 25p of tax on every £1 you have given.

If you would like to support us even when you are not here, please consider setting up a standing order. This enables us to plan more effectively as it will be income we can rely on. Further details on how to do this are available at www.smitf.org/church.

St Martin-in-the-Fields is an inclusive church and we try to uphold a broad understanding of inclusion. An important part of this, reflected in the St Martin's Action Plan, is to increase our understanding of disability so that our welcome can be open to all. We still have a way to go, and are grateful to our Disability Advisory Group who are leading and encouraging us in this aim. Members of the group and of the Healing team have together contributed to the liturgy for this service, where we celebrate St Luke and his witness to a healing that embraces wholeness, compassion and justice.

The Gathering

Welcome

A Poem for St Luke's Day - Patron Saint of Healers

Written and read by Susan Marina Wolfe

Every flower was a seed
Struggling in the muck
To reach the wind and sun,
Struggling to be
The best within it.

Every seed was a flower
Every flower was a seed.

To ignore the muck,
Pretend it isn't there,
Or seek to prettify,
Denies the struggle,
Denies the fragile shoot
The means to its potential in the light.

Acknowledging the muck,
The sticky, inconvenient stinkiness of muck,
Acknowledges the force within it,
Encourages the force within.

Adjusting to life changes
Isn't easy.
Isn't noble.
It's a process.

The muck, the light,
The necessary processes of living.

Every seed was once a flower;
Every flower was a seed.

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Opening Hymn

- 1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?
- 2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.
- 3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves.
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.
- 4 In conflicts that destroy our health
We recognise the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills:
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
- 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
In your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Healing God, we come before you just as we are, with all our weakness and wounds, to confess our sins and to seek your forgiveness, that we may be made whole again.

Silence

You make us in your image and delight in our being, yet we fail to celebrate the wonder of your creation in ourselves and in others;

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

You call us to share in the feast of your kingdom, yet we fail to answer, and turn aside from the stranger;

Christ have mercy

All **Christ have mercy**

You offer us shelter and shade, yet we fail to trust in your promises and reject the ways of peace;

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

May the God who wipes away all tears 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.**

Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25. 1-9 *read by Roger Shaljean*

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn



- 1 In the bulb there is a flower:
in the seed, an apple tree:
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn for every darkness:
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future:
what it holds a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 22. 1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding

hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn (continued)

3 In our end is our beginning:
in our time, infinity:
in our doubt there is believing:
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection:
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Please sit.

Sermon Revd Tim Goode

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Sevilla Allen*

The response to the prayers is:

Lord in your mercy

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.

Offertory Hymn

During which a collection will be taken for the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields

1 We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2 The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

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

3 So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

John L Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The presider takes the bread and wine.*

God of blessing

All **We bring you these gifts.**

Broken God

All **Make us whole.**

The 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.**

Creating God, from of old your plans for your people have been faithful and sure. You provide refuge to all and invite each of us, just as we are, to share in your feast of creation's wonder. In Christ you extended the invitation to your feast to all peoples; you came to human beings and humanity came to you. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Sustaining God, your son Jesus Christ is our rich food, nourishing the marrow of our lives and present with us in bread and wine. With your generous hand, pour your Spirit over us and over these gifts, transforming the death-dealing shroud into the cloak of glory. On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Christ took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

God of invitation and welcome, draw all who feel excluded or marginalised into your embrace and close to your heart. Reveal yourself, to all who think of themselves as insiders and included, as the God who is most clearly to be seen among those on the edge. Show us the inadequacy of the excuses with which we refuse your invitation. Gather your people as one united body at your eternal feast, where you are Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one God with one people.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body is broken that we may be made whole.

All **Lord use the cracks in our lives that your glory may shine through.**

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.

The Giving of Communion

God has invited us to the heavenly banquet. Come and share in the joy of God.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at St Martin's. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle. Please ask and a steward will direct you.

You are invited, after receiving communion, if you so wish, to come forward to the altar rail for prayer for healing, anointing, and the laying-on of hands. Please line up behind the choir stalls and go to a station when it becomes available. One of those offering prayer will ask if there is something or someone you wish to pray for in particular, and you are welcome to say a few words to give some context. The person will then say a prayer on your behalf as they lay a hand on your shoulder or head, and they will anoint you with oil on your forehead. You may then return to your seat.

The choir sing the following pieces from the gallery during the distribution of communion and laying on of hands.

Sancte Deus *Tallis*

Thou knowest, Lord *Purcell*

The Lord's Prayer *Tavener*

Silence is kept.

A Prayer of Gratitude *Rosalind Beeton*

Most compassionate God, we thank you for the gift of life, for our often challenged, compromised and painful bodies, for our wounded mental and emotional faculties, and for your Holy Spirit that nourishes us inwardly and that accompanies us day by day on our life journey, bringing us inner strength in times of our utmost need. Help us to trust the way you have made us and what you have given us, and to know that you love and care for and nurture each one of us. We thank you for our lungs and the ability to breathe in the beauties of the natural world that you have created, for the majesty of trees, for the kaleidoscope of colours in flowers and weeds and for all living creatures that co-inhabit our planet with us. We recognise how colours and birdsong can uplift our spirits, bringing a sense of peace and calm in an often noisy and destructive world. We thank you for our sacred earth and ask that we may be better stewards of the natural world. We are amazed by the countless galaxies, by patterns of shimmering stars and planets millions of light years away thrown like a silk shawl across the heavens. We are struck dumb with awe by the timelessness of space, and for the unending possibility of forms of life in other galaxies, an almost incomprehensible idea. We inhabit a most beautiful world where all of creation is interrelated, where we each have a purpose and where each one of us is valued by God, and for this we have eternal gratitude.

All **Amen**

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 God's 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 God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life;
use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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