Sunday 13 October 2019, 10am
Thinking Differently About God

The Eucharist

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Bednall St Martin's Mass

 tái Common Worship
Welcome

We want you to feel at home here. We believe the Eucharist is a model of a new society, where we each bring our differences to the table and receive back the same—forgiveness that heals the past and everlasting life that releases the future.

We have processions because we’re God’s pilgrim people, some wear robes because they’ve been set apart to preach or to preside at the altar, we read the Bible because we believe that in it we discover who God is, we sing because the one who sings prays twice (in word and music), and we share bread and wine because we’re told heaven is a banquet for all God’s children.

We’ve developed conventions for when we stand, sit and kneel. These are indicated in this order of service. If these conventions don’t reflect your custom or preference, we want you to know you are still part of our worship, and equally welcome (for example) to sit silently throughout.

After our intercessions we share the peace together, with touch and words. We all come with different needs and conditions. Please be alert to those for whom the firm grasp of a shaken hand may cause discomfort and a light touching of hands is more welcome.

After most Sunday 10am services we offer an opportunity to receive prayer for healing with anointing and the laying-on of hands. At these moments we look to God to be made more fully known in our own or others’ adversity, that we may look back upon such moments as ones in which we or they discovered who God is and who we are.

Supporting St Martin’s

During the singing of the third hymn, after we have shared the peace, we take up a collection for the mission and ministry of St Martin’s. This is a token of gratitude for the gift of life and for all the blessings that we have received. 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 is income on which we can rely. Further details on how to do this are available at www.smitf.org/church.

Language in Worship

Anglicanism is founded on the threefold cord of scripture, tradition and reason. For us at St Martin’s that means we read the historic scriptures and sing traditional hymns and share in familiar prayers. But our scripturally formed and traditioned reason tells us that the God who is made known in the stranger and the rejected has no bias to one gender, and the God who is made known in the manger and on the cross is not to be associated particularly with strength or control.

So while honouring the poetry of beloved texts, our language in worship seeks also to use words about humankind that affirm the way God cherishes both men and women. Our worship of God rejoices in the historic understanding of the persons of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but when referring to God as one, recognises that God, being beyond gender, is neither male nor female.
The Gathering

Welcome

*Please stand. Silence is kept.*

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

*All* and also with you.

Opening Hymn

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Words and music: Marty Haugen (b. 1952)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

God has made a world of abundance but in our selfishness and fear we have
turned plenitude into scarcity. Let us ask God to restore us to life and love.

Silence is kept.

We have failed to receive the gifts you have given us in one another and ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

We have stereotyped and ostracised those you have called blessed.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

We have neglected and forgotten what you would have us discover and
celebrate.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

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.
Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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  Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

read by a conference delegate

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading  2 Timothy 2: 8-15  read by Helen Riley

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no
good but only ruins those who are listening.
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker
who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 17: 11-19

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between
Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him.
Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the
priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when
he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He
prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are
they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this
foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has
made you well.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.
Hymn (continued)

2 His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
'To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!' Amen.

Words: Katherine K. Davis  Tune: Ash Grove, traditional Welsh melody

Please sit.

Address  Ann Memmott

Anthem  God be in my head  Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my 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 at my departing.

Words: Pynson’s Horae 1514

The Prayers of Intercession
led by members of the Disability Advisory Group

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

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.

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

1 O Source of life for Humankind
Forgive our foolish ways;
In love embrace our human minds;
In purer lives thy comfort 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.

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!

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) Tune: Repton, C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918) and June Boyce-Tillman
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.

Bless our God, people of God, who has given us life, not let us fall, and brought us through testing into a place of space and light for ever. We give you thanks and praise.

All  Amen.

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.

God of creative and subversive mystery, you have fashioned the heavens with endless wonders. In your mercy you have invited human beings to gaze upon your skies which, always in motion, never look the same way twice. You have created us so that no two people will ever look to the sky and appreciate the same things. Reveal to us the joy of seeing your heavens through another’s eyes. Render our hearts soft in discovering how you have hidden your heavenly treasure in human form. In Christ you came among us as fully us and fully you. In his death you took upon yourself the worst we could be and in his resurrection you showed us the wonder of who you are. And so we thank and praise you, with all the company of heaven, singing together of your unending glory.
Playful God, you know our desire to control. Transform our desire to be sure of what we know. Stretch our imagination to discover a life much bolder than we have ever anticipated. Send your Holy Spirit on those who gather to meet you, that they may be transformed into your likeness. Sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Diverse and many-splendoured God, you have marked us with the seal of your love. Be close to any who live with labels that diminish or demean. Embolden all who are defined by their deficits to celebrate before your people the gifts you have given them to flourish, to lead and to rejoice. Make your church as sure in hope, steadfast in gentleness, relentless in compassion, unyielding in devotion as your disciples. Tear back the veil of your heaven, that your children may behold the spectacle of your everlasting life, where all find their true identity in you, and each perceives the truth hitherto hidden within the enigmas of this transitory life. Fill each one of us with the wonder of meeting you face to face in your Son, in the power of your Spirit, Father of glory.

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
In the breaking of his body, Christ’s redeeming love for us is made manifest;

All  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

The Giving of Communion
Come, beloved children of God, receive the gift of eternal life in the body
and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Bring your concerns to God's healing
love and seek Christ’s peace in mind, body and spirit. God heals the broken-
hearted and binds up their wounds.
Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St Martin-in-the-Fields. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by bowing your head. Gluten-free wafers and alcohol-free wine are available in the South aisle.

During the distribution of communion, the choir sings Breathe on me, breath of God by Foot.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew   Till I am wholely thine,
That I may love what thou dost love   Until this earthly part of me
And do what thou wouldst do.   Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,   So shall I never died,
Until with thee I will one will  But live with thee the perfect life
To do and to endure.   Of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Silence is kept.

A Prayer of Gratitude

All  Bless our God, people of God, for bringing us together in love and care, to bring prayers of thanksgiving and to share your Son’s body and blood as bread and wine. Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices
Poem written and read by Susan Wolfe

It's not about
A God;
It never was
It's about breathing,
Breathing free,
And breathing honest.
Sharing the air
And seas
With every other creature
Deserving,
As all deserve,
The freedom of
Each breath.
In this, we are equal.
In all we think we are,
We are no more than
This.
And we owe all
To this,
The air we breathe
The air we share.

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 In every generation
   Some rise to claim the hour
   and break oppression’s silence
   By speaking the truth to power.
   When courage meets with conflict
   Our hearts must still be stirred,
   Our sole determination
   To make all voices heard.

2 We claim a shared vocation
   As stewards of this earth,
   Affirming all God’s people
   In dignity and worth.
   May all our children’s children
   Take their intended place
   In all that God has purposed:
   One equal, human race.

3 O God, in whose great kingdom
   The first and last shall meet,
   With love and justice freeing
   The mighty from their seat;
   May all your kingdom-builders
   Continue true and strong,
   Creating, in our own day,
   A place where all belong.

Words: Revd Ally Barrett
Tune: Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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