

**ORDER OF SERVICE TRINITY SUNDAY 2021
SUNDAY 30TH MAY**

THE GATHERING

Before the service - Selection of hymns and anthems from St Martin's Voices

Rick welcomes people to worship

Introit Hymn - Firmly I believe and truly (*5 verses*)

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The president, Revd Joe, greets the people and sets out the eucharistic theme.

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or) Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

*Minister
of the
Word* **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

*Minister
of the
Word* God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus
Christ
to save us from our sins,

to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith, firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

(or)

My sisters and brothers,
as we prepare to celebrate the
presence of Christ in word and
sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our
sins.

We confess our sins using either form A or form B.

Form A **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our
God.
Amen.**

Form B **Father eternal, giver of light and
grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Absolution

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your
sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria - from Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne

The Collect

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.
The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Rick

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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!'

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – read by Jean

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Thou whose almighty word (4 verses)

Gospel Reading – read by Sonia

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to *John*
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone

who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

at the end of the Gospel ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – given by Revd Joe

After the sermon there is a period of quiet reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith

Please stand. The President chooses one of the following.

<i>Form A</i>	We believe in one God,
	the Father, the Almighty,
<i>The</i>	maker of heaven and earth,
<i>Nicene</i>	of all that is, seen and unseen.
<i>Creed</i>	We believe in one Lord, Jesus
	Christ,
	the only Son of God,
	eternally begotten of the Father,
	God from God, Light from Light,
	true God from true God,
	begotten, not made,
	of one Being with the Father;
	through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate
from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the
Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust
in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the
world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Form C Let us declare our faith in God.

*Affirmation
of Faith* **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through
faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession – led by Roberta

President Let us pray for the Church and for the
world,
and let us be thankful for God's
goodness.

Please sit.

*Prayers and thanksgivings are now made.
After each prayer is said:*

Prayers are offered for

- *the Church of Christ*
- *Creation, human society, the Sovereign
and those in authority*
- *the local community*
- *those who suffer*
- *the communion of saints*

After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
**hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and
mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand.

President 'Where two or three are gathered
together
in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'

(or)

We are the body of Christ.
In the one spirit we were all baptised
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for
peace
and builds up our common life.

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 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Preparation of the Table

President 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.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of
life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus
Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all
things;
who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh; as your Son,
born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us
on the cross; he put an end to death
by dying for us; and revealed
the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will
and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, 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:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this
our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and
this cup
and we thank you for counting us
worthy
to stand in your presence and serve
you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one
cup,
so that we, in the company
of St Luke and St Richard, St Thomas
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom,
and with whom,
and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us so we pray.

**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.**

President **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.**

(or) Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be
done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei - from Mass of St Cedd by Peter Nardone

Invitation to Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

(or) God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer before Distribution

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat
the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord,
are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood
of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in
him;
and that we,
with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Communion Hymns –

God the Holy Trinity by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Jesus leads us to the Father by Sam Hargreaves

Christ be in my waking by Stuart Townend

God be in my head by Walford Davies

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices – including reading of Banns of Marriage x 2

Final Prayer

<i>Minister of the Word</i>	Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body
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live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Please stand.

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

(or)

May the Father from whom every
family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit
in your inner being, so that Christ may
dwell
in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you
and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn: I bind unto myself today (*5 verses*)

After the service: Toccata, CM Widor (*4 minutes, 53 seconds*)