

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

Chinese
Congregation

聖馬田
中文堂

Sunday 21 April 2024, 1.30pm
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Evening Prayer

(Cantonese)

Preacher
Wilson Yu

Organist
Jeremy Ng

⊕ Common Worship

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 **Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

2 **To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.**

3 **Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

4 **Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

Sounds of Grace 249

*Urbs beata Jerusalem (Latin, before 9th century), translated by John Mason Neale
(1818–1866)*

Preparation

All The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

All The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Please sit or kneel.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All **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.**

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

All **Amen.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. You led your people to freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. May we who walk in the light of your presence acclaim your Christ, rising victorious, as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The day is almost over, and the evening has come; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your Spirit come down upon us to set us free to sing your praise for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 **Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4.5–12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,

that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Canticle

Magnificat

Luke 1.45–55

- 1 **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**
 - 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**
 - 3 **He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**
 - 4 **He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
 - 5 **Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**
 - 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**
 - 7 **He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,**
 - 8 **The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

Please sit.

Second Reading

1 John 3.16–end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 10.11–18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 **The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

- 2 **Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

- 3 **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

- 4 **In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

- 5 **And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

Hymns of Universal Praise 28

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877) based on Psalm 23

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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

The Prayers of Intercession

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.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has 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.**

Please stand.

A collection will be taken for the work of this church during the following hymn. You are welcome to donate in the offering bags, using the card machines or by bank transfer. Details are listed on the last page of this booklet.

- 1 **In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?**
- 2 **Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.**
- 3 **Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.**

*Hymns of Universal Praise 355
Anna Laetitia Waring (1823–1910)*

Offertory Prayer

All **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine have we given thee.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Welcome and Notices

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Closing Hymn

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

1 **I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

continued...

2 I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but his love has pardoned all.

3 Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

New Songs of Praise 466
Francis Harold Rowley (1854–1952)

Organ Voluntary

Notices

Sunday 21 April 3pm	April Birthday Party At the Bishop Ho Ming Wah Community Centre after the service
Sunday 19 May 10am	Pentecost Joint service of the English- and Cantonese-speaking congregations
Sunday 28 July	Visit from the Choir of St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong
Sunday 15 September	60th Anniversary of the Chinese-speaking Congregation

852 Spaces Café (St Martin's Outreach Ministry): Volunteer Recruitment and Prayer Requests

Starting from June, every other Saturday from 1pm to 4pm, 852 Spaces Café will provide a free social space for Hong Kongers in the UK to get to know each other. The Café, which will offer drinks and light snacks, aims to create a community that listens and supports one another. No prior registration is required. Participants are welcome to drop in and out at any time during the specified hours.

852 Spaces Café will hold a series of talks each month, addressing different challenges in the lives of Hong Kongers in the UK. The current theme is 'Carers', with tentative topics including 'Caring for the Elderly with Dementia at Home', 'Caring for the Community through Art and Creativity', and 'The Significance of Race in the UK Workplace and Community' to name but a few. Registration is required to attend the free talks. Further details will be announced in due course.

The programme is currently recruiting 8–10 volunteers, who will be required to attend a training session on 18 May at 1pm and agree to the volunteer code of conduct. If you are interested, please fill in the following form: https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_5iF0FFvVJRZymBU. For further information, please contact Joseph Lam.

For your prayers: St Martin's outreach ministry, the planning committee, the volunteer team and the participants.

852 Spaces Café dates:

1, 15, 29 June

13, 27 July

10, 24 August

7, 21 September

5, 19 October

2, 16 November

Time: 1–4pm

Location: Activity Room, The Connection at St Martin's, 12 Adelaide Street, London WC2N 4HW

Welcome! If it's your first time at St Martin's or you have recently joined us, please scan the QR code and leave your contact information, so that we can keep in touch with you.



We Connect

Wedding

Revd Angela Sheard is getting married to James Patterson at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 11am on Saturday 11 May. All are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception afterwards.

New Liturgy

A new liturgy will be adopted for our non-Eucharistic service in place of the current Evening Prayer liturgy, starting from Trinity Sunday, 26 May.

60th Anniversary Slogan Competition

The Chinese-speaking Congregation is holding a competition to design a logo that better identifies with our 60th anniversary celebration this year. The logo will be used on the congregation website, social media sites, posters, printed materials, gifts or anywhere.

Terms and conditions

1. A member of the Chinese-speaking Congregation, St Martin-in-the-Fields
2. Original work
3. Criteria for adjudication: includes the characteristics of the Chinese-speaking Congregation, historical elements, visual appeal and ease of printing
4. Please read the terms and conditions in full: <http://smitfcc.org.uk/whatson>

Please email your design to ccsmitf@gmail.com. The deadline is 15 August 2024.

Chinese-speaking Congregation Finance and Expenses

Please contact Anne Chow or the respective Ministry Leaders for an Expense Form if you have not claimed eligible expenses for the first quarter of 2024.

A brief donation summary for 2023 and January to February 2024 has now been issued. If anyone would like a hard copy or has any queries, please contact Anne Chow.

Please note that there is a small transaction charge (1.69%) for Sum Up contactless donations.

Urgent Recruitment of Volunteers for Children and Youth Ministry

Children's Church and youth ministry are in urgent need of recruiting more volunteers to help nurture children and youth to grow in their faith. Once a month, activities include crafts and guiding children to listen to stories. Children's Church, which runs during the Sunday service, currently needs one more volunteer. The Youth Group, which runs at 3.30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month, also hopes to recruit one more volunteer.

Interested parties please provide the information of two references (names and emails) and fill in the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form. For further details, please contact Children and Youth Minister Joy Faulkner-Mpeho (joy.faulkner-mpeho@smitf.org) or Yen Leung.

Date	21 April	28 April
Preacher	Wilson Yu	Yen Leung
Readers	龍向榮, 龍林詩明	Philip Tsang, Christine Mo, Eugene Ling
Presider	N/A	N/A
Assistant		Eugene Ling
Chalice Assistant	N/A	N/A
Intercessor	Ruly Tsang	Ekie Wong
Ushers	Ekie Wong, Eugene Ling	Husan Cheung, Rebecca Yu
Offertory	Karen Lui, 何吳綺清	Yen Leung, Sarah Luk
Refreshments	Sarah Luk, Albert Au	Ringo Ho, Lily Ho

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You are welcome to join our WhatsApp and/or Facebook groups to keep in touch with us.

Please contact Wilson Yu or Joseph Lam for further details.



St Martin's Chinese Services, Fellowships & Gatherings

Cantonese Service	Sundays 1.30pm
Cantonese Choir Practice	Sundays 12.00pm
Children's Church	First and third Sundays of the month during the service
Cantonese Family Fellowship	First and third Sundays of the month 3.00pm
Cantonese Andrew Fellowship	Sundays 3.00pm
Cantonese Paul Fellowship	Sundays 3.00pm
Cantonese Timothy Fellowship	Saturday or Sunday afternoons
Cantonese Online Sharing & Prayer Group	Thursdays 8.00pm on Zoom Meeting ID: 845 1946 7883 Password: 866748

Supporting St Martin's

Account Name: St Martin-in-the-Fields PCC

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Reference: Please put 'CSC' followed by your name (e.g. CSC Mary Chan)

Last Sunday's attendance:	65
Offerings:	Cash £165.07
	Contactless £70
	Thanksgiving £100

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