

Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday 28th June 2020

Gathering

Pre-Service Zoom Gathering

You are invited to join a gathering by Zoom before the service from 10am onwards. To join the gathering please request by email a joining link from Susan Jenkin, susanjenkin5362@gmail.com

Logging on to the Live Stream

1. The live stream will start at about 10.25am with an organ voluntary, so you are able more easily to follow the service from the beginning.
2. Go to our website www.stmaryletower.org.uk and find the “**Streamed Services**” title.
3. Click on “**LIVE**” to access the service at the top of the Twitter feed. To go direct to the service when it is no longer live, click on “**RECENT**”
4. Click on the service video stream. Although the service streams via Facebook, you do not need your own Facebook account to log on via the parish website.
5. When the video opens you will need to click on the loudspeaker icon to unmute it and hear the sound.

Music before the Service

Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552 - J. S. Bach
David Szabo, Budapest 2008, via YouTube.

Welcome and Introduction

The minister gives the NOTICES, introduces the service, and then says:

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

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

Prayer of Preparation

**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

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.

We pause for a time of self-reflection.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer for the Day (The Collect)

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

We keep a time of silent prayer together.

Almighty God,
 you have broken the tyranny of sin
 and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
 whereby we call you Father:
 give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
 that we and all creation may be brought
 to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
 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. **Amen.**

Listening for the Word from God

Romans 6.12-23

read by Humphry Adair

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the gift of his living word,
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

sung by SMLT (virtual) choir (Tippett)

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
 My God, I trust in thee.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Matthew 10.40-42

read by Eunice Forsyth

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin, Vicar

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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.**

Intercession

Led by Richard Hanley

Give us grace, almighty Father, to address you with all our hearts as well as with our lips. You are everywhere present: from you no secrets can be hidden. Teach us to fix our thoughts on you, reverently and with love, so that our prayers are not in vain, but are acceptable to you, now and always, through Jesus Christ our lord.

In a moment of quiet let us bring before God our own thanksgivings and petitions.

We keep a time of quiet prayer.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Christian church throughout the world remembering the Church's Ministry amongst Jewish People (CMJ) and our link diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. In this diocese we pray for the benefice of Eye in the Hartismere deanery.

In our own church we pray for Charles and all responsible for on-line worship. For those who provide pastoral support to those unconnected in a virtual world. We give thanks for the opening of churches for worship and the opportunity to find solace and comfort in sacred spaces. We pray for a strengthening of our faith and mission and a deepening understanding of God's purpose in this place.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. As the whole world continues to grapple with the coronavirus and strives to control and defeat it, give strength and wisdom, O God to all those who bear the heavy burden of leadership; give insight and wisdom to the scientific community searching for a vaccine and give restraint, responsibility and selflessness to communities and people emerging from lockdown. We hold in prayer all those who have suffered and who are suffering discrimination in any way. We pray for justice, equality, and enlightenment in our society.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick. Lord the fount of all compassion, tenderness, and healing, look with mercy on those who at this time suffer in body, mind or spirit. Comfort and strengthen those who are frightened, sad, or anxious. We remember particularly Andrew Hastings and John Wheeler. And continue to pray for Andy Courage, Angela Pantelis, Bob Tostevin, Linda Haywood Smith, Margrid Brooks and Mary Gurney.

We give thanks for the skill shown by all those who minister to the suffering as surgeons, doctors, nurses, and other health professionals which has meant so much to so many people during the last few months.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. *Christ is risen from the dead; and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death; by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

In a moment of silence, we remember those whose memories we treasure but see no longer and give thanks for those whose remembrance falls at this time of year, among them John Jex.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father;
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

Offertory Hymn

Organist: Adam Chillingworth

Singer: Chris Borrett

Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Taking Bread and Wine

Blessed are you Lord, God of the universe:
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord, God of the universe:
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Gifts of the People

*We recall our financial giving to St Mary-le-Tower, for
God's work of in the life and mission of our Church.
(There is a new donate button at the top of our website
if you would like to make a donation now.)*

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest:
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless 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, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Blessed Mary all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Bread

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.
And 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 President breaks the bread, saying:

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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The Minister receives the Bread and the Wine on behalf of all baptised people who are participating in this service online.

The People may make a sign of the cross to affirm their participation in the Body of Christ, and in the blessing of this Eucharistic celebration.

Then all pray together:

**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.**

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

**Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
 Piercing the doubt and darkness of our world.
 Walking in trust, we find the way inclining
 To follow in the footsteps of our Lord.**

**Faith overcomes! The truth of God, unfolding
 Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
 Dwells in a single life for our beholding:
 Eternal glory in a human face.**

**Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
 Healing, forgiving, loving to the end;
 To all who know him not, his arms outstretching
 From Calvary's cross, our Shepherd and our
 Friend.**

**Faith overcomes! The life of Christ, abundant,
 Spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
 Bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
 Makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.**

**Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have
 spoken:
 We have not seen, yet now we dare believe
 In him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
 A gift to share with all who will receive.**

**Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
 We yield ourselves to follow his commands,
 Willing to suffer for his name, confiding
 Our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.**

Blessing and Dismissal

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Organ

Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552 - J. S. Bach
David Szabo, Budapest 2008, via YouTube.