

# Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Gathering

### Attending this Service in Church

If you are coming to church for this service, it would be very helpful if you can bring this order of service with you on a device or print off the paper copy at home and bring it with you. No service books will be given out in church in order to minimise risks of passing on infection.

However people arriving in church without their own order of service will be given a shortened service sheet.

It is now required that face coverings should be worn by everyone in church. We welcome this as part of making church services as safe as possible for people to attend, and as a sign of our desire to protect others from possible infection. Please note that there can be no opportunity for mixing in church before or after the service.

### Logging on to the Live Stream

1. The live stream will start at about 10.25am as people are gathering in church.
2. Go to our website [www.stmaryletower.org.uk](http://www.stmaryletower.org.uk) and find the “**LIVE Streamed Services**” title and click to go to our **Facebook Live** page.
3. Click on the service video. When the video opens you will need to click on the loudspeaker icon to unmute it and hear the sound.

### Music before the Service

O Gott, du frommer Gott (from Op. 78)  
– Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*William Baldry, Organist of SMLT*

### Welcome and Introduction

*The minister gives the NOTICES, introduces the service, and then continues.*

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.**

**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.**

**Gloria** (*Kleine Orgelmesse - Haydn*)  
*Sung by the choir of St Mary-le-Tower.*

*The Gloria is a shortened polytext setting. Each line in the choir sings a different part of the Gloria (in Latin), but the music unifies the whole piece.*

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
We give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
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.*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

## Philippians 2.1-13

*read by Michael Harland*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my

absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

## Gradual Psalm 25 vv. 1-9

*Sung by the choir.*

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

## Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

*read by Sonia Docherty, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?'

And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, 'The first.'

Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

## 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, Elder.*

*O Gracious and Holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord*

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the Christian church throughout the world, remembering particularly today the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In our own diocese we

pray for the Clare Deanery and all the clergy and people in the Suffolk Heights benefice.

In our own church we pray for Charles and Roger as they lead us in worship and faith. We offer thanks for the strength of our musical provision here and all the opportunities for mission which flow from this, even at this time of national emergency. Help us Lord to harness this strength for the furtherance of your work and kingdom.

We remember those of our congregation who feel isolated, concerned and deeply saddened by continued restrictions as a result of the pandemic. We pray for a strengthening of our faith and mission and a deepening understanding of God's purpose in this place.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

As the season of autumn begins, we thank you God for the awe-inspiring beauty and complexity of the natural world. As custodians of your creation help us to understand how to persevere and protect the planet in all its diversity. We pray for the scientific community grappling with issues such as climate change and sustainable development.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the world. Lord God, all wise, all merciful, hear us as we pray for those who bear the responsibility of leadership among the nations of the world. Give them in all their deliberations wisdom to know your will, regard for your laws, and respect for human rights; that they may seek to lead all people in the paths of truth, freedom and peace.

We pray for the government of this country and all who bear the burden of responsibility at this time. We pray for those, wherever they are who are concerned about their health, their job, their financial security or their family members. We give thanks for the wonder of science and prospect of treatments and vaccines in the struggle against Coronavirus.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the sick. We humbly beseech you O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; help us to minister to them your strength and consolation, and so endow us the grace of sympathy and compassion that we bring to them both help and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We remember particularly Andrew Haywood Smith and family, Sally Patient, Mary Trythall, Bob Tostevin, Simon Hulme, Sylvia Serlie-Thomas, Angela Pantelis and John Wheeler. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Andy Courage, Tony Brook-Carr, Grace Chandler, Eileen Mayers and Jill Ganzoni.

Lord hear us. **Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have died. Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray particularly for Stafford Patient and Linda Haywood Smith.

This coming week sees the feast day of St Michael and All Angels. *Almighty and everlasting God who does enkindle the flame of your love in the hearts of the saints, grant to us the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Merciful Father;

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The minister introduces the Peace:*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### 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

*There is no physical collection in church. St Mary-le-Tower faces considerable financial challenges at this time and everyone is invited to make a generous contribution by one method or another.*

*Donations may be made using as follows:*

- The Donations Cabinet in church
- The Contactless Terminal in church
- Regular giving by Standing Order
- The Donation Button on our website
- Via BACS to 30-94-55, 00059383  
PCC St Mary le Tower Ipswich

*The minister takes the collection plate. Recalling our giving for God's work of in the life and mission of our Church, we say together:*

**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

The Lord is here:

**His Spirit is with us.**

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:

*The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Haydn)*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeliet terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.

*The Benedictus is sung by the choir:*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he that cometh 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 and 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.**

*We keep a time of quiet while the Sanctus bell is rung.*

## 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.**

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.**

## Spiritual Communion

*The Minister will receive the Bread and the Wine on behalf of all baptised people who are participating in this service, in church and online, at the present time and later. Whenever and wherever we are, in this Holy Communion we are united by the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ, given to us in baptism.*

*The People may make a sign of the cross to affirm their participation in the Body of Christ at St Mary-le-Tower, and in the blessing of this Holy Communion.*

## Communion Anthem *(Agnus Dei - Haydn)*

*Sung by the choir.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis, dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us. Grant us thy peace.

*Then all pray together:*

**Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Out

### Mission Hymn

*The hymn is sung by the choir alone, as government regulation currently prohibits singing in church by congregations. Please follow the words and sing them in your heart.*

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we,  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them**

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

Life imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

## 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 Voluntary

Pax vobiscum (from Op. 86) – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## Departing

*You are welcome to sit and listen to the organ voluntary. If you wish to speak to the vicar or another member of staff, it is best to do this by phone or email.*

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