

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

## Gathering

This service is being live streamed only, and there is no attendance in church in person in the congregation. The choir for this service is just an octet.

### Logging on to the Live Stream

1. The live stream will start at about 10.25am in preparation for the service.
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

Desseins éternels (La Nativité du Seigneur) - Messiaen  
*Organist: William Baldry*

### Welcome and Introduction

*The minister gives some NOTICES, and INTRODUCES the service.*

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

### Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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** (*Missa Rorate Caeli - Haydn*)  
*Sung by the choir (Latin polytext setting)*

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)

Grateful for the glory revealed at this time through God made flesh, let us pray.

*We keep a time of silent prayer together.*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
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

**Acts 19.107**

*read by Annie Shead*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

## Gradual Psalm 29

*Sung by the choir*

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams  
unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and  
strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship  
the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the  
glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord  
is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a  
glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea,  
the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also,  
and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the  
voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea, the  
Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth  
young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his  
temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water -flood : and the Lord  
remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord  
shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Please stand*

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: Mark 1.4-11

*read by Sonia Docherty, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

## Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,  
**he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,**

and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
**to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Intercession

*Led by Richard Hanley, Elder*

In a moment of quiet stillness and contemplation let us  
prepare to pray.

*God of gold, we seek your glory: The richness that  
transforms our drabness into colour and brightens our  
dullness with vibrant light; your wonder and joy at the heart  
of all life.*

*God of incense, we offer you our prayer: Our spoken and  
unspeakable longings, our questioning of truth; our search  
for your mystery deep within.*

*God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering: The pain of all our rejections and bereavements, our baffled despair at undeserved suffering, our rage at continued injustice.*

*And we embrace you, God within us, in our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss.*

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

We pray for the Christian church throughout the world, remembering particularly today The Anglican Church in New Zealand & Polynesia. In our own diocese we pray for the clergy and people of the Colneys Deanery and for the parish of All Saints, Kesgrave. We pray for all those involved in the production and streaming of on-line church services within this diocese, deanery and parish.

In our own church we pray for Charles, our churchwardens, leadership team, congregation and musicians as the challenges of a 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown are met. 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.**

We pray for the world. We bring before you O Lord the troubles and perils of peoples and nations, the sighings of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the despondency of the weary, the failing powers of the aged. *O Lord draw near to all.*

We pray for the people of the USA for a smooth and lawful transition of power and a respect for the rule of law. In this country we pray for all those who work within the NHS for those who are exhausted in spirit and weary in body. Give them courage, resilience and strength in the work they do.

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

We pray for those who are sick, troubled or in danger. 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.

In our parish we pray for: Sally Graham, Helen Burtonshaw, Grace Chandler, and Liz Todd. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Patient, Andy Courage, Peter Gotts, John Wheeler, Eileen Mayers and Mary Trythall.

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

We pray for those who have recently died including Mike Graham, Bob Tostevin, David Todd, and Lesley O'Connell.

Let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that

multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

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.

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

We conclude our prayers with the words of St Columba:

*Be a bright flame before me,  
Be a guiding star above me,  
Be a smooth path below me,  
Be a kindly shepherd behind me,  
Today, tonight and for ever.*

Merciful Father;

**Accept these prayers,  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### The Gifts of the People

*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:*

- *Regular giving by Standing Order*
- *The Donation Button on our website*
- *Via BACS to 30-94-55, 00059383  
PCC St Mary le Tower Ipswich*

### Offertory Hymn

*Please sing along at home if you wish!*

**When Jesus comes to be baptised,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.**

**The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound,  
and to the mourner comfort bring.**

**He will not quench the dying flame,  
and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt,  
and out of death his triumph make.**

**Our everlasting Father praise  
with Christ, his well-beloved Son,  
who with the Spirit reigns serene,  
eternal Trinity in One.**

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

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus interceding for us; may we be willing to share his baptism, ready to share his cup and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

## 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**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and  
heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever 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 (please sit):*

*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.**

## Breaking Bread

Believing the promises of God,  
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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## 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.

## Holy Communion

*Before receiving Communion, the minister proclaims  
and all respond:*

The Body of Christ; the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ; the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*The Minister receives the Bread and the Wine on  
behalf of the Body of Christ at St Mary-le-Tower.*

*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.*

## Prayer after Communion

**Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens  
and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Out

### Blessing and Dismissal

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his  
glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the  
nations. Go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Dismissal Anthem (Elgar)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to  
preach the gospel to the poor;

He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;  
to give unto them that mourn  
a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise  
for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the  
things that are sown in it to spring forth;  
So the Lord God will cause  
righteousness and praise to  
spring forth before all nations.

*Isaiah 61 vv. 1-3, 11*

*The livestream ceases after the anthem.*

## After the Service

*If you wish to speak to the vicar or another member of  
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