

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## 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 the minimum required for the music being offered in worship.

### 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

Adagio (Symphonie No. 5) - Charles-Marie Widor

*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 (*Sumsion in F*)

*Sung by the choir*

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)

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

*We keep a time of silent prayer together.*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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

## Revelation 5.1-10

*read by Archie Thompson*

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

## Gradual Psalm 139 1-7

*Sung by the choir*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me :  
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,  
thou understandest my thoughts long before.  
Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest  
out all my ways.  
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O  
Lord, knowest it altogether.  
Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid  
thine hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :  
I cannot attain unto it.  
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall  
I go then from thy presence?  
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to  
hell, thou art there also.

*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 Richard Hanley, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'

Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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 Sonia Docherty, Elder*

*Father, give to us, and to all your people,  
in times of anxiety, serenity;  
in times of hardship, courage;  
in times of uncertainty, patience;  
and, at all time, a quiet trust in your wisdom and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Lord of Love, we pray for the mission and unity of your church throughout the world remembering today the Anglican Church of Australia, the Church of Bangladesh and the church in our link diocese of Kagera.

Here at St Mary-Le-Tower we thank you for bringing us all together where You can be among us and live within us. Help us as we seek to share our faith and our hope in Jesus Christ.

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

Lord of Grace, we pray for the people of Japan as they face severe snow storms and of Indonesia as they continue to deal with the aftermath of the earthquake and the recent plane crash. We pray for all who died and those mourning the loss of loved ones.

Lord we pray for the American people to be united in the days and weeks ahead. We pray for those threatening to disrupt the inauguration and those entrusted with maintaining law and order. We pray for an end to violence, for wisdom and protection for President-elect, Joe Biden, and all who will take office in a few days' time.

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

Lord of all wisdom, we pray for those searching for peace of mind, for those who are alone and those desperate to see their families, for those with sadness of heart, or little sense of purpose. We pray for those whose businesses are closed, for those whose money is running out, for those on the brink of despair.

We pray for all who are pushed to their limits at home and at work, for Intensive Care staff, for all in the emergency services, for GP's, teachers and school staff, for parents and students, for all whose mental health is at breaking point. We pray for our Government and all whose decisions affect millions of lives. And we pray for one another as we respond to the restrictions locally and nationally.

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

Lord of comfort, we pray for those who are sick, distressed or mourning the loss of loved ones. We pray for Sally Graham and family, Jan Tostevin, Liz Todd, and Helen Burtonshaw. We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Carolyn, Tony Brook-Carr and Jill Ganzoni.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died including Mike Graham, Bob Tostevin, David Todd, and Lesley O'Connell; We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year including: Barry Hunt, Dorothy Adair, Vernon and Muriel Molloy, Lilian Caudle, Millicent Fisher, Peter Norman, William Richardson and Thomas Goss.

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

*We thank you for Pain, the sister of Joy.  
We thank you for Sorrow, the twin of Happiness.  
Pain, Joy, Sorrow, Happiness.....  
Four angels at work on the Well of Love.  
Pain and Sorrow dig it deep with aches.  
Joy and Happiness fill it up  
with tears that come with smiles.  
For the seasons of emotion in our hearts,  
we thank you, O Lord.*

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

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

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  
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### Offertory Anthem (Vaughan Williams)

*Sung by the choir.*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*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:*

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day. May we so live the life of Christ that your Church may be a sign of salvation to all the nations of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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**

Living God, Father of light,  
hope of nations, friend of sinners,  
builder of the city that is to come:  
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,  
you bring home the lost, restore the sinner  
and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ  
your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,  
with the Church of all the ages,  
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs,  
we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

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

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):*

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** (*Sumsion*)

*Sung by the choir:*

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 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.*

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

## Prayer after Communion

**God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Out

### Mission Hymn

Christ is the one who calls,  
the one who loved and came,  
to whom by right it falls  
to bear the highest Name:  
and still today our hearts are stirred  
to hear his word and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks,  
to whom our souls are known.  
The word of love he speaks  
can wake a heart of stone;  
for at that sound the blind can see,  
the slave is free, the lost are found.

Christ is the one who died,  
forsaken and betrayed;  
who, mocked and crucified,  
the price of pardon paid.  
Our dying Lord, what grief and loss,  
what bitter cross, our souls restored!

Christ is the one who rose  
in glory from the grave,  
to share his life with those  
whom once he died to save.  
He drew death's sting and broke its chains,  
who lives and reigns, our risen King.

Christ is the one who sends,  
his story to declare;  
who calls his servants friends  
and gives them news to share.  
His truth proclaim in all the earth,  
his matchless worth and saving Name.

## Blessing and Dismissal

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens, cleanse you by his holiness and send you to proclaim his word.  
**Amen.**

The Son, who has ascended to the heights, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.'

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat (St Anne) BWV 552.2 - J. S. Bach

*The livestream continues until the end of voluntary.*

## After the Service

*If you wish to speak to the vicar or another member of staff, it is best to do this currently by phone or email:*

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