

Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 24th 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 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

Herr Gott, nun sei gepreiset BWV 601 – J. S. Bach

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 (*Kleine Orgelmesse - 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.

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 19.6-10

read by Ruth Longhurst

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

'Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

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

Gradual Psalm 128

Sung by the choir

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

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: John 2.1-11

read by Sonia Docherty, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is

that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Written by Cathy Moss, Elder

Read by Richard Hanley, Elder

We have come together, the people of God, drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word, to praise his holy name, to pray for our needs and the pains of the world.

We pray for the Church. Almighty God, we pray for the family of the Church throughout the world, that all Christians may work together in harmony for the spread of the Gospel and the building up of your Kingdom. This week we commend to you the clergy and people of the Church of South India, our link Diocese of Kagera, and in all places where the faith is persecuted.

In our Diocese we pray for our Bishops Martin and Mike and the diocesan staff. In our parish we pray for Charles and Roger and for Christopher and the music team and all choir members. We give thanks for the joy of music which continues to enhance our worship.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. Lord of all nations, we commend to you all who have fled their homes, seeking relief from war, famine and disaster. We pray for all organisations, charities and individuals who provide food, shelter and medical treatment for those in need.

We pray for the people of Hong Kong and the United States of America as they try to resolve political differences. In our town we pray for our busy police officers, as they are called upon to support government guidelines, as well as protecting us from crime.

Lord, the Father of all, direct the leaders of the world, that all your children may live together in justice and in peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, the lonely, the isolated and those in hospital, that all may be relieved of their suffering. We pray for carers, nurses and doctors and for researchers and scientists working to improve treatment for the life limiting diseases and the challenges of the Coronavirus.

Among those known to us and on our parish prayer list, we name today: Sally Graham and her family, Shirley Wheeler, Jan Tostevin, Liz Todd and Helen Burtonshaw. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Patient, Carolyn, Tony Brooke-Carr and Jill Ganzoni.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have sadly recently died: Mike Graham, John Wheeler, Bob Tostevin, David Todd, Lesley O'Connell, Rupert Bell and Bill Hook; and those whose remembrance falls this week: Barry Hunt, Dorothy Adair, Vernon and Muriel Molloy, William Caudle, Millicent Fisher, Peter Norman, William Richardson and Thomas Goss.

May the Lord be our comfort and strength, our hope and support, the light on our way and our companion to the end

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 (Ives)

Sung by the choir.

*O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.

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 (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 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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

Jesus, come! for we invite you,
 Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
 now, as once at Cana's wedding,
 speak, and let us hear your word:
 lead us through our need or doubting,
 hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
 guide us into paths unknown;
 bring your gifts, command your servants,
 let us trust in you alone:
 though your hand may work in secret,
 all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,
 heaven brought near in power divine;
 give your unexpected glory
 changing water into wine:
 rouse the faith of your disciples
 come, our first and greatest sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
 make us willing to receive
 more than we can yet imagine,
 all the best you have to give:
 let us find your hidden riches,
 taste your love, believe, and live!

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

Allegro - 1st movement from 'Concerto del Signor Tomaso Albinoni' – *Johann Gottfried Walther*
The livestream continues until the end of voluntary.

After the Service

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