

Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 14th February 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

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele ‘Adorn yourself, O dear soul, with gladness’ - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele ‘Rejoice greatly, O my soul’ - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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.**

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

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 (Spatzenmesse - Mozart)

Sung by the choir

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te;
benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te;*

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.

*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam
tuam, Domine Deus, rex coelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens.*

We give thanks to thee for thy great
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God
the Father almighty.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine
Deus Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis
peccata mundi miserere nobis.*

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.

*Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe
deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

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.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus tu solus Dominus
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto
Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

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.

Almighty Father,
 whose Son was revealed in majesty
 before he suffered death upon the cross:
 give us grace to perceive his glory,
 that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
 and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
 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

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

read by Humphry Adair

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Gradual Psalm 50.1-6

Sung by the choir

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken : and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
 Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty.
 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence : there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
 He shall call the heaven from above : and the earth, that he may judge his people.
 Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness : for God is Judge himself.

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 9.2-9

read by Richard Hanley, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 Sonia Docherty, Elder

Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.

We pray for the mission and unity of the Anglican Church throughout the World: remembering today the Church in Canada and the Church of the Province of Central Africa. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Ipswich and Ixworth Deaneries, and we remember the Clergy and people in our Link diocese of Kagera in Tanzania.

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

We pray for nations around the world where there is need for hope and healing, in particular we pray for the people of the Yemen, Russia and Myanmar. We pray that those in authority may be mindful of the power of their words, that they behave with honesty and integrity and use their power to encourage actions that are full of hope and not hate, of forgiveness and unity and not division.

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

In our town, we pray for all those who are struggling to make ends meet; for those who are unemployed or homeless; for those fleeing from domestic violence; for those who are lonely and suffering from mental and physical ill health. We give thanks for the tireless efforts of our NHS staff and volunteers.

Give them peace dear Lord, as they care for the sick and those who are at the end of life. As discussions begin about the future return to school, we pray that the needs of children and young people are central to these discussions.

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

In our own community, we pray for all who have been kept apart from those they love; and for those who have not been able to mourn for friends and family who have died; we pray especially for relatives of people in care homes. Surround them all with your healing presence.

Amongst those who are unwell or facing difficulties, we pray particularly for Sally Graham and family, Jan Tostevin, Liz Todd, Shirley Wheeler, Emma, Chris, Jillian and Penny Parke.

We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Andy Courage, Peter Gotts, John Bradberry and Joyce Courage.

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

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died including Mike Graham, John

Wheeler and Rupert Bell and we give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year including Brian Goodson and Eunice Barnes.

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

Lord, at these challenging times, help us to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to see where you are at work and to notice glimpses of your glory shining through the ordinary fabric of our lives.

We seek your face, O Lord, turn your face unto us and show us your glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.

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.

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 Hymn

Sung by the choir.

During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.

Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,
 God, proclaiming in its thunder,
 Jesus as the Son by name!
 Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
 Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One,
 living hope of every nation.
 Hear and heed him, everyone;
 sing with earth and all creation:
 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:

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

Blessed are you, Lord God,
 our light and our salvation;
 to you be glory and praise for ever.
 From the beginning you have created all things
 and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
 the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
 that with angels and archangels
 and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Mozart)

*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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
 As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
 you embraced a people as your own.
 When they turned away and rebelled
 your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
 born of Mary, to be the living bread,
 in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
 He offered his life for sinners,
 and with a love stronger than death
 he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
 he came to supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
 He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
 Rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
 his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
 we remember his dying and rising in glory, and
 we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
 these gifts of your creation; may they be for us
 the body and blood of your dear Son.
 As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
 form us in the likeness of Christ,
 and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
 Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
 and preserve her in peace.
 Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary and all the saints
 to the vision of that eternal splendour
 for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 by whom, with whom, and in whom,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
 Be yours 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.**

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.**

Agnus Dei (Mozart)

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

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending Out

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.

Mission Anthem (Brahms)

Sung by the choir

*Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!*

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
Be calm, as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content.

*Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.*

What do you want to worry about
from day to day?
There is One who stands above all
who gives you, too, what is yours.

*Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.*

Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm; what God has decided,
that is and must be the best. **Amen.**

The livestream continues until the end of the anthem.

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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