

Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 14th March 2021 – MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Tranquilly - C. Hubert H. Parry

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.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Lord, direct our thoughts
and teach us to pray,
lift up our hearts to worship you
in Spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

We thank you for all that mothers do for their families. May they know how much their love is appreciated. And may all people discover the wonders of your strong and inexhaustible love. **Amen.**

For all our mothers and fathers,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For the security of homes and family life,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For the joy of loving human relationships,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For your holy catholic Church, the mother of us all,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For your family in this place, and our life together,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For all the members of our families who have died, and now find their home in you,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayers.

For Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and for all who seek to follow her example of motherhood,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask his forgiveness.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie (Missa aeternae Christi munera - Palestrina)

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

Prayer for the Day (The Collect)

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

We keep a time of silent prayer together.

God of compassion,
 whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
 shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
 and on the cross
 drew the whole human family to himself:
 strengthen us in our daily living
 that in joy and in sorrow
 we may know the power of your presence
 to bind together and to heal;
 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

Ephesians 2.1-10

read by Annie Shead

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Gradual Anthem *(Britten)*

*Sung by SMLT choristers (virtual choir)
 (dedicated by Benjamin Britten to his mother)*

When Jesus Christ was four years old,
 The angels brought Him toys of gold,
 Which no man ever had bought or sold.
 And yet with these He would not play.
 He made Him small fowl out of clay,
 And blessed them till they flew away.

Tu creasti, Domine.

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,
 Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,
 And bring my soul to Paradise.

Gospel: John 19.25b-27

read by Richard Hanley, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
 and the Virgin Mary
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living
 and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 Church throughout the World: remembering today the Anglican Church in Chile, and the Anglican Church in Australia. In our Diocese we pray for Parishes in the Mildenhall Deanery. We pray for the Clergy and congregations in our Link diocese of Kagera in Tanzania.

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

In our life here at St Mary-Le-Tower we pray for your guidance as we work towards the gradual re-opening of our church. We pray that all who come into this church feel safe, welcome and find the solace and peace they are seeking. We pray for the Tower House Interim Management Team as they start planning the next stage of developing the new Song School where our choristers and young people can flourish and where groups from our wider community can get together and work for the common good.

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

Lord on this Mothering Sunday we give thanks for our mothers, fathers and carers, for the care, the love, and the sacrifices they make on all our behalf. We pray that we learn to care for each other in the same way that you, Lord, our Father in Heaven, continue to love, guide and forgive us. Give us humility and gentleness so we can be united as the body of Christ, and help us to rise above our difficulties and conflicts and to concentrate on the many things that unite us rather than the few that divide us.

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

We pray for all children and young people as they settle back into school and we pray for school leaders, teachers and other school staff as they try to keep everyone safe. We pray for the gradual lifting of restrictions over the next few months and that Covid remains under control. We remember those who have suffered as a result of the lockdown and we pray that they find new and creative ways to lift themselves out of their predicaments. We give thanks for the efficient way the vaccines have been administered and we pray

for a fair way of making these vaccines available to everyone around the world.

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

We pray for those we know who are in need of your comfort including Emma, Chris, Jillian Lofts, and Penny Parke. We continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Graham and family, Sally Patient, Ian Miller, Phyl Fisk, Andrew Hastings and Jill Ganzoni. Lord, whatever their troubles and afflictions, give them comfort, courage and your peace in their hearts.

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

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died including Jean Rogers. We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year including Edgar Jenkinson, Russell Jarvis, John Richardson, Christopher Horne, and Susan Robertson.

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

Loving Lord, we look up to you and trust that your light will guide us in the path of peace, justice and love.

Merciful Father;

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 Anthem (Parsons)

Sung by the choir.

During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus Christus.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus Christ.

*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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:

God of life, saviour of the poor,
receive with this money
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our 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

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Palestrina)

*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

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 (Palestrina)

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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

Please join in at home if you wish!

Fathers and mothers,
Sisters and brothers,
All those who love us,
for whom we care:
Help and befriend them,
Keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.

And for those others,
Fathers and mothers,
Children who hunger,
they must be fed:
We would be caring
Readily sharing,
One with another
our daily bread.

Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
May we walk with you
all of our days.

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

March and Finale from 'The Birds of Aristophanes'
- C. Hubert H. Parry

The livestream continues until the end of the 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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