

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
PASSION 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](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

Prelude on the Passion Chorale - Jean Langlais  
*Organist: David Poulter*

## 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.**

## The Commandments

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honour your father and mother. Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

## **Kyrie** (Missa Brevis - Dove)

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Confession**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*We pause for a time of self-reflection.*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. 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.**

## Prayer for the Day (The Collect)

The Lord be with you,  
**The Lord bless you.**

*We keep a time of silent prayer together.*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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

## First Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10

*read by Kate Thompson*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

## Gradual Psalm 51. 1-13

*Sung by the choir.*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.  
Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.  
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.  
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.  
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.  
Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.  
O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.  
Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

*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 12.20-33**

*read by Sonia Docherty, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd

standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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**

*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 the Holy name of the Lord, to share the glorious news of grace, to pray for our needs and the pains of the world, to rejoice in His love and be sent in His peace.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially where it is persecuted and finding it difficult and dangerous to continue to hold services and deliver pastoral care. We remember today the clergy and people of our link Diocese of Kagera and the Church of South India.

In our Diocese we pray for our Bishops Martin and Mike, their chaplains and Diocesan staff. In Ipswich we pray for Archdeacon Rhiannon and all town centre Churches and in our parish for our priests Charles and Roger and for Christopher, William, the choir assistants and all who have worked to maintain our choral tradition. We pray that we may grow in number, depth and influence as we witness to God's love and care.

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

Let us pray with hope for the future of the world and for the needs of all people, especially those in Syria, the Yemen, Mozambique and Myanmar. We bring before you Lord the selfishness, greed and exploitation which has led to extremes of climate affecting those areas which are least well equipped to deal with the consequences. Give us faith that global measures and policies and individual decisions and actions will help to restore the integrity of your creation and enable not just survival but better living for all your children.

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

We pray for those who are sick and distressed in body, mind and spirit; for those who are housebound and lonely. This week we name from our parish prayer list Emma, Chris, Jillian Lofts and Penny Parke. We continue to pray for Derek le May, Sally Graham and family, Sally Patient, Ian Miller, Phyl Fiske, Andrew Hastings and Jill Ganzoni. May they find comfort and healing.

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

We pray for the dying and those who have died including Jean Rogers. For those who mourn and remember loved ones who have entered into eternal life where sorrow and pain are no more. We remember those whose year's mind occurs this week: Edgar Jenkinson, Russell Jarvis, John Richardson, Christopher Horne and Susan Robertson.

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

Lord, open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love, that we may dedicate ourselves to you and walk with you as children of light as we move towards the glorious Easter Festival.

Merciful Father;

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

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 (Tallis)

*Sung by the choir.*

*During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.*

*Salvator mundi, salva nos,  
qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos.  
Auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster.*

Saviour of the world, save us, thou  
who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us.  
Come to our rescue, we beseech thee, our God.

*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 just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time  
of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called  
to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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

*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.*

*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** (*Dove*)

*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**

**Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace  
to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds  
to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Sending Out*

### **Mission Hymn**

*Please join in at home if you wish!*

**We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the Cross;  
the sinner's hope let men deride,  
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the Cross we see  
in shining letters, "God is Love;"  
he bears our sins upon the Tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.**

**The Cross! It takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave,  
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
it takes its terror from the grave  
and guilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angel's theme in heaven above.**

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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**

Chorale Prelude: Herzlich thut mich verlangen  
- J S Bach

*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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