

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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

Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 2 - *Herbert Howells*  
*The meek-spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace. Ps.37 v.11*  
*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.**

### 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 (St Anne Mass - MacMillan)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions 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.*

Almighty God,  
 whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
 but first he suffered pain,  
 and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
 mercifully grant that we,  
 walking in the way of the cross,  
 may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
 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

## I Corinthians 1.18-25

*read by Katrina Robertson*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## Gradual Psalm 19. 7-end

*Sung by the choir.*

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,  
 O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

*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 2.13-22

*read by Sonia Docherty, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 Richard Hanley, Elder*

In a moment of calm and stillness, let us prepare to pray, to open our hearts and minds to the will of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*O Lord, the scripture says, 'There is a time for silence and a time for speech.' Saviour teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord teach me to silence my own heart that I may*

*listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.*

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

We pray for the church throughout the world particularly today for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In this diocese we pray for the Loes Deanery and the clergy and people of All Saints Wickham Market and Saints Peter and Paul Pettistree.

In our own church we pray for Charles, our churchwardens and PCC. We hold in prayer the life of this church and look forward to a joyful return to live worship in the not too distant future. We pray for a strengthening of our faith and mission and a deepening understanding of God's purpose in this place.

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

We pray for the world. Lord you set your cross before all nations as a challenge to power and force. Give courage to all who stand for justice and peace. May all who govern serve their people with wisdom and humility. We pray for all four nations of this United Kingdom. We offer thanks for the speedy and efficient roll out of vaccinations and pray for an orderly and successful return to school for all children this coming week.

We remember all those terrorised, starving, neglected and homeless as a result of man's inhumanity to man. We pray for individuals from all religions who become ensnared in extremism of any kind; we pray that faith, tolerance, humanity and love shine out as the hallmarks of all religious people

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

We pray for the sick. Lord the fount of all compassion, tenderness and healing, look with mercy on those who at this time suffer in body, mind or spirit. Comfort and strengthen those who are frightened, sad or anxious. We remember particularly Andrea Smith-Daniels, Emma, Chris, Jillian Lofts and Penny Parke. And we continue to pray for Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Carolyn, Tony Brook-Carr, Grace Chandler, Eileen Mayers and Mary Trythall. We pray for those who have died including Jean Rogers.

*Let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.*

In a moment of silence, we remember those whose memories we treasure but see no longer and give thanks for those whose remembrance falls at this time of year, among them Barbara Bellamy and George Pipe.

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

Grant, O Lord, that by the observance of this Lent we may advance in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ and show forth His mind in conduct worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 (Byrd)

*Sung by the choir.*

*During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.*

*Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.  
Sion deserta facta est, Jerusalem desolata est.*

Thy holy cities are a wilderness,  
Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

*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 (MacMillan)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Benedictus is sung by the choir (please sit):*

Blessed is he who comes  
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 (MacMillan)

*Sung by the choir:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us. Grant us 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 love the place, O God,  
wherein thine honour dwells;  
the joy of thine abode  
all earthly joy excels.

We love the house of prayer,  
wherein thy servants meet;  
and thou, O Lord, art there  
thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the word of life,  
the word that tells of peace,  
of comfort in the strife,  
and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below  
for mercies freely given;  
but O we long to know  
the triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace  
on earth to love thee more,  
in heaven to see thy face,  
and with thy saints adore.

## 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

Master Tallis's Testament - Herbert Howells

*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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