

Choral Matins

9am 4th April 2021 EASTER DAY

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 8.55am 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

BWV 625 - J. S. Bach

William Baldry, Organist of SMLT

*Christ lag in Todesbanden
Für unsre Sünd gegeben,
Er ist wieder erstanden
Und hat uns bracht das Leben;*

Christ lay in death's bonds
handed over for our sins,
he is risen again
and has brought us life.

*Des wir sollen fröhlich sein,,
Gott loben und ihm dankbar sein
Und singen halleluja,,
Halleluja!*

For this we should be joyful,
praise God and be thankful to him
and sing alleluia,
Alleluia!

Opening Responses (Smith)

O Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord:
The Lord's name be praised.

Welcome

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin, Vicar.

Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us : therefore let us
keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice
and wickedness : but with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth. (*1 Cor. v. 7*)

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once : but in that
he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed
unto sin : but alive unto God through Jesus Christ
our Lord. (*Rom. vi. 9*)

Christ is risen from the dead : and become the first-
fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death : by man came also the
resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be
made alive. (*1 Cor. xv. 20*)

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.

Listening for the Word from God

Psalm 114

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of
Jacob from among the strange people.

Judah was his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like
young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and
thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little
hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord : at
the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water : and
the flint-stone into a springing well.

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.

OT Reading: Isaiah 25.6–9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Thanks be to God.

We reflect quietly on the reading for a while.

Canticle of Praise: Te Deum

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We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee:

the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the
Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory
everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

NT Reading: I Corinthians 15.1–11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Thanks be to God.

We reflect quietly on the reading for a while.

Canticle of Blessing: Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth:
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God
 the Father almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick
 and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Response in Prayer and Praise

Litany (Smith)

The Lord be with you:
 And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

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

Our Father, which art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
 And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen.
 And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
 And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
 And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
 Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
 And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, who through thine
 only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death
 and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life;
 We humbly beseech thee,
 that as by thy special grace preventing us
 thou dost put into our minds good desires,
 so by thy continual help
 we may bring the same to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect for Peace

O God,
 who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
 in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
 whose service is perfect freedom;
 defend us thy humble servants
 in all assaults of our enemies;
 that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
 may not fear the power of any adversaries;
 through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collect

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
 almighty and everlasting God,
 who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day;
 defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
 and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
 neither run into any kind of danger,
 but that all our doings
 may be ordered by thy governance,
 to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem (Tomlins)

Let all the world in every corner sing,
 "My God and King!"
 The heavens are not too high,
 his praise may thither fly;
 the earth is not too low,
 his praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 "My God and King!"

Let all the world in every corner sing,
 "My God and King!"
 The Church with psalms must shout,
 no door can keep them out;
 but above all the heart
 must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 "My God and King!"

Intercession

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Saraband for the Morning of Easter – *Herbert Howells*

The livestream continues until the end of the Voluntary

After the Service

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