

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

6.30pm, 1st April 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 6.25pm 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.
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Music before the Service

Vater unser im Himmelreich ‘Our Father, who art in heaven’
BWV 737 – J. S. Bach

Organist: William Baldry

The Holy Oils

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you:
And also with you.

The minister introduces the first part of the service.

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord’s paschal victory, his death and resurrection. As we begin, we celebrate the holy oils, blessed and set apart by our Bishop for the sacramental life of our parish, which in due course we shall receive

The oil for the unwell:

By the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil for the unwell, and with the prayerful support of the church community, may those who are sick or seeking wholeness experience the healing presence of Christ.

Amen.

The oil of baptism:

Anointed with the oil of baptism, and assisted by the example of the church community, may those who are to be baptized know that Christ calls them by name, makes them his own, and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil. **Amen.**

The oil of chrism.

Anointed with the fragrant oil of chrism, may all who are baptized and confirmed, all who are ordained to the service of God’s people, and this community whose house of prayer is dedicated to God’s glory, fill the

world with the sweet fragrance of Christ’s gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: ‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’ Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: ‘Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.’ Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: ‘I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.’ Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria (Howells – Collegium regale)

Sung by the choir.

The Gloria is used on this one and only day during the season of Lent in celebration of two things: firstly the new commandment from Jesus for Christians to love one another as he has loved us; secondly, in celebration also of the gift of Holy Communion.

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,

We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

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.

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.

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.

Let us pray.

We keep a period of silent prayer together.

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
May he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
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 11: 23 – 26

read by Sonia Docherty

Beloved, I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Gradual Anthem

sung by the choir (Shepherd)

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

Gospel: John 13.1-17, 31b-35

read by Christopher Borrett, Director of Music.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began

to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin, Vicar

Liturgy of the New Commandment

In being faithful to the New Commandment, God promises his people new life in Christ. We come now, therefore, as generations have done on this day before us, to renew our commitment to keep this New Commandment, which bound them and binds us to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us now seek forgiveness for the sins by which we have failed to keep this commandment.

Prayers of Penitence

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him and afraid to bear the cross:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities and fail to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn and selfish in sharing your love with others: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, forgive.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Renewal of Discipleship

Beloved in Christ, let us now renew our commitment to keep the New Commandment that our Lord Jesus Christ has given his Disciples.

Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore let us give ourselves anew to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

*We keep a time of quiet for reflection;
and then continue:*

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant
in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept
your new command;

in love we seek to do your perfect will;
with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own but yours.

Your will be done:

when I am valued
and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment
and when it is lacking;
when I have all things
and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all that I have and am
to serve you, as and where you choose,
that I may be a sign of your love
to all around me.

**Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever. Amen.**

Intercession

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear us
and welcome all your children into paradise.**

**Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ taught us
that what we do for the least
of our brothers and sisters we do also for him:
give us the will to be the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

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 (Harvey)

Sung by the choir.

During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.

'Tis midnight—and on Olive's brow,
The star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight—in the garden now
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

'Tis midnight—and, from all removed,
Immanuel wrestles, lone with fears;
E'en the disciple that He loved
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight—and for other's guilt
The man of sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He, who hath in anguish knelt,
Is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight—and, from ether-plains,
Is borne the song that angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

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 our gifts with gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Taking Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe: you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe: you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the Eucharist we are with our risen and crucified Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as He was with them in the upper room, so our Lord is here with us now.

**Until the Kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate the feast.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

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 to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Howells)

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):

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, mother of our Lord,
 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.****

The President breaks the bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei (Howells)

Sung by the choir.

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 Father,
 we thank you for feeding us
 at the supper of your Son.
 Sustain us with your Spirit,
 that we may serve you on earth,
 until our joy is complete in heaven,
 and we share the eternal banquet
 with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mission Hymn

Please join in at home if you wish.

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
 This our song shall ever be;
 For we have no hope, nor Saviour,
 If we have not hope in thee**

**All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
 Strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
 None can move us from thy presence,
 While we trust thy love and power**

**All for Jesus, at thine altar
 Thou wilt give us sweet content;
 There, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
 In thy Holy Sacrament.**

**All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
 All for Jesus, thou hast died;
 All for Jesus, thou art with us;
 All for Jesus Crucified.**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
 This the Church's song shall be;
 Till at last the flock is gathered
 One in love and one in thee.**

The Watch of Prayer

When the disciples had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me one hour?'

Everyone is invited to spend a while in prayer, remembering our Lord Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The organist will play and then the Gospel of the Watch will be read. The livestream continues until the end of the Gospel of the Watch.

- *Pray that you may have strength for what lies ahead in your life.*
- *Pray that you may not be tested as Jesus was.*
- *Pray that you may have the grace to be faithful to God.*
- *Pray that the Church may be filled faith, courage and love.*

Organ Voluntary

Vater unser im Himmelreich 'Our Father, who art in heaven' – Georg Böhm

Gospel of the Watch: Matthew 26.31-75

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.'

Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass

unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.'

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

After the Service

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