

Choral Eucharist

10.30am 18th April 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Attending this Service in Person in Church

If you are coming to church for this service, please bring this order of service with you if you can, on a device or print the paper copy at home and bring it with you. However people arriving in church without their own order of service will be given a shortened service sheet.

It is required that face coverings should be worn by everyone in church. We welcome this as part making church services as safe as possible for people to attend, and as a sign of our desire to protect others from possible infection.

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

Christ lay in Todesbanden BWV 625 - J. S. Bach

Organist: William Baldry

Christ lay in death's bonds
handed over for our sins,
he is risen again
and has brought us life
For this we should be joyful,
praise God and be thankful to him
and sing alleluia. Alleluia!

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.**

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

We pause for a time of self-reflection.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Gloria (*Sung in F*)

Sung by the choir.

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)

Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Let us pray.

We keep a time of silent prayer together.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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: Acts 3.12-19

read by Michael Harland

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

'But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

Gradual Anthem (Parry)

Sung by the choir.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Gospel: Luke 24.36-48

read by Sonia Docherty, Elder

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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 Cathy Moss, Elder

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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
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Offertory Anthem (Esquivel)

Sung by the choir.

During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.

*Ego sum panis vitae. Patres vestri manducaverunt
manna in deserto, et mortui sunt.*

*Hic est panis de coelo descendens: si quis ex ipso
manducaverit, non morietur.*

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi.

*Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum:
et panis quem ego dabo, caro mea est pro mundi
vita. Alleluia.*

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Alleluia.

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:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
 Lord God of truth,
 for by the breath of your mouth
 you have spoken your word,
 and all things have come into being.
 You fashioned us in your image
 and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
 you would not abandon your own.
 Again and again you drew us
 into your covenant of grace.
 You gave your people the law
 and taught us by your prophets
 to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

And now we give you thanks
 because through him you have given us eternal life
 and delivered us from the bondage of sin
 and the fear of death
 into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
 we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
 evermore praising you and saying:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Sumsion)

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.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
 enthroned in splendour and light,
 yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
 you reveal the power of your love
 made perfect in our human weakness.

Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
 Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
 loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
 dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
 that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
 he took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
 and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
 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.

Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death
 that he suffered on the cross,
 we celebrate his resurrection,
 his bursting from the tomb,
 we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
 and we long for his coming in glory.

Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice
 of our redemption,
 Father, by your Holy Spirit
 let these gifts of your creation
 be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 form us into the likeness of Christ
 and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy
 hear the cry of our hearts.
 Bless the earth, heal the sick,
 let the oppressed go free
 and fill your Church with power from on high.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
 to feast with Blessed Mary, mother of the Lord,
 and all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
 where the new creation is brought to perfection
 in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 (*Sumsion*)*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**

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Out**Mission Hymn***Please stand. Due to Coronavirus regulations, it is sadly not currently permitted for the congregation to sing in church. Please follow the words and sing them in your heart. Please join in at home if you wish!*

Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
My sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
The living Bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's journey
a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**Organ Voluntary**

Grand Chœur – Théodore Salomé

*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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