

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Sunday 18th April 2021

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 5.27pm 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

Organist: William Baldry

Welcome and Introduction

The minister gives any NOTICES, and INTRODUCES the service.

Prayers of Penitence

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel or sit, and we keep a time of quiet for personal reflection.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against thy holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
miserable offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults.**

**Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises**

declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Responses (Rose)

Please stand.

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.

Opening 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!

The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in s thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And spirit blest, eternally. Amen.

Listening for the Word from God

Psalm 142 *Please sit.*

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto
the Lord did I make my supplication.
I poured out my complaints before him : and shewed
him of my trouble.
When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path
: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a
snare for me.
I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was
no man that would know me.
I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my
soul.
I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope,
and my portion in the land of the living.
Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.
O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too
strong for me.
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto
thy Name : which thing if thou wilt grant me, then
shall the righteous resort unto my company.

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.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 7.7-13

Canticle of Praise (*Dyson in D*)

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath
rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call
me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all
generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath
exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the
hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent
empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham
and his seed for ever.

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.

New Testament Reading Revelation 2.1-11

Canticle of God's Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; which thou hast
prepared : before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

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 *(Rose)*

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

Please kneel or sit.

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

Almighty Father, who in thy 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 thee continually in righteousness and truth;
 through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires,
 all good counsels and all just works do proceed;
 give unto thy servants that peace
 which the world cannot give;
 that both, our hearts may be set
 to obey thy commandments,
 and also that, by thee,
 we being defended from the fear of our enemies
 may pass our time in rest and quietness;
 through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
 and by thy great mercy defend us
 from all perils and dangers of this night;
 for the love of thy only Son,
 our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem *(Brahms)*

*Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,
 sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
 so sei vergnügt mein Wille!*

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
 Be calm, as God has ordained,
 and thus my will shall be content.

*Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
 Der Eine steht allem für,
 der gibt auch dir das Deine.*

What do you want to worry about from day to day?
 There is One who stands above all
 who gives you, too, what is yours.

*Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
 steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
 das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.*

Only be steadfast in all you do,
 stand firm; what God has decided,
 that is and must be the best. Amen.

Intercession

We pray to the Father, **Hear our prayer.**

**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

Sung by the choir.

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee,
Alleluia!

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 *Please sit.*

Elegy – George Thalben-Ball

The livestream continues until the end of the voluntary.

After the Service

Under Lockdown Coronavirus Regulations it is not yet permitted for people to gather to chat in church, but it is permitted for groups of six to gather in the churchyard after services.

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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