

# Choral Evensong

5.30pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](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

*Organist: Christopher Moore*

### 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 (*Clucas*)

*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 day draws on with golden light,  
Glad songs go echoing through the height,  
The broad earth lifts an answering cheer,  
And hell makes moan with wailing fear.

For lo, he comes, the mighty King,  
To take from death his power and sting,  
To trample down his gloomy reign,  
And break the weary prisoner's chain.

Enclosed he lay in rocky cell,  
With guard of armed sentinel;  
But thence returning, strong and free,  
He comes in might of victory.

The sad Apostles mourn him slain,  
Nor hope to see their Lord again,  
When, to their very eyes restored,  
They look upon the risen Lord.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us 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 81.9-end** *Please sit.*

Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel : if  
thou wilt hearken unto me,  
There shall no strange god be in thee : neither shalt  
thou worship any other god.  
I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the  
land of Egypt : open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.  
But my people would not hear my voice : and Israel  
would not obey me.  
So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts : and let  
them follow their own imaginations.  
O that my people would have hearkened unto me : for  
if Israel had walked in my ways,  
I should soon have put down their enemies : and turned  
my hand against their adversaries.  
The haters of the Lord should have been found liars :  
but their time should have endured for ever.  
He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-  
flour : and with honey out of the stony rock should I  
have satisfied thee.

*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

**Exodus 16.4-15**

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread  
from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go  
out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will  
test them, whether they will follow my instruction or  
not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they  
bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other  
days.'

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the  
evening you shall know that it was the Lord who  
brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the  
morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he  
has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what  
are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said,  
'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening  
and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord  
has heard the complaining that you utter against him -  
what are we? Your complaining is not against us but  
against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole  
congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord,  
for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron  
spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they  
looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the  
Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses  
and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites;  
say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the  
morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall  
know that I am the Lord your God."'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp;  
and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the  
camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the  
surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as  
fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it,  
they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not  
know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread  
that the Lord has given you to eat.

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

## Canticle of Praise (Merton Service - Esenvalds)

Magnificat

*Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum. Et exultávit  
spíritus meus: in Deo salutári meo. Quia  
respéxit humilitátem ancillae suae:*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath  
rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded  
: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

*Ecce enim ex hoc beátam me dicent omnes generatiónes. Quia fécit mihi mágna qui pótens est: et sánctum nómen eius.*

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

*Et misericórdia eius in progénies et progénies tíméntibus eum. Fécit poténtiam in bráchio suo: dispérsit supérbos mente cordis sui.*

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.

*Depósuit poténtes de sede: et exaltávit húmiles. Esuriéntes implévit bonis: et dívites dimísit inánes.*

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.

*Suscépit Ísrael púerum suum: recordátus misericórdiae suae. Sicut locútus est ad patres nostros: Ábraham, et sémini eius in saecula.*

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

*Please stand.*

*Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto, Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen.*

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 2.12-17

And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword: 'I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

'But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling-block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practise fornication. So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the

white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

Here ends the New Testament reading.

## Canticle of God's Blessing

### Nunc Dimittis

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, ecundum verbum tuum in pace:*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

*Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum:*

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

*Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Please stand.*

*Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto, Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen.*

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** (*Clucas*)

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy  
Ghost, one God, now and for ever. 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** (*Bullock*)

Give us the wings of faith to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The Saints above, how great their joys,  
How bright their glories be.

We ask them, whence their victory came  
They with one united breath  
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb  
Their triumph to His death.

They marked the footsteps that He trod,  
His zeal inspired their breast;  
And following their incarnate God  
They reached the promised rest.

**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**

*Sung by the choir.*

Christ the Lord is risen again,  
Christ hath broken every chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
singing evermore on high,  
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today;  
we too sing for joy, and say,  
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the Cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell,  
who descended into hell;  
who the strong man armed hath bound,  
now in highest heaven is crowned.  
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
how the lost may restored,  
how the penitent forgiven,  
how we too may enter heaven.  
Alleluia!

Thou our Paschal lamb indeed,  
Christ, today thy people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
that we all may sing for ay,  
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.*

*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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