

Holy Communion

10.30am Wednesday 14th April 2021

Gathering

Attending this Service in Person in Church

If you are coming to church for this service, If you can, please bring this order of service with you on a device or print the paper copy at home and bring it with you.

No service books will be give out in church in order to minimise risks of passing on infection. However people arriving in church without their own order of service will be given a 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 10.27am 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.

Welcome and Introduction

*The minister gives some NOTICES,
and INTRODUCES the service.*

Opening Prayers

*All may kneel or sit,
and the Lord's Prayer is said by the minister:*

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.**

Then we pray together:

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect

O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant us, with thy servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Listening for the Word from God

The Epistle: Romans 8.31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here endeth the epistle.

The Gospel: John 11:17-27

All please stand.

The holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning to read at the 17th verse. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father
by whom all things were made:**

**who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary.**

**And was made man.
And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven;
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the prophets;**

**And I believe one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Remembrance

Thanksgiving

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We give you thanks: for his long and full life; for his strength of character; and for his devotion and service to family, nation and Commonwealth.

We praise you for: his generosity; the many contributions he made to our national life; and the encouragement he gave to so many, especially to the young.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commendation

Eternal God, Creator of the universe and Lord of all life, we have come together to remember the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We give thanks for his long life, for the love that he received from you and showed among us. We recall with gratitude his devotion to duty, his service in the Royal Navy and his support for many causes. Now we pray that he may know the joys of your everlasting kingdom, where sorrow and pain are no more. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who mourn

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, you pursue us with untiring love and dispel the shadow of death with the bright dawn of life. Give courage to The Queen and the Royal Family in their loss and sorrow. Be their refuge and strength, O Lord; reassure them of your continuing love and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Your Holy Spirit, our comforter, speaks for us in groans too deep for words. Come alongside your people, remind them of your eternal presence and give them your comfort and strength. **Amen.**

For the Light of Eternity

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: shed forth, we pray, upon your whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Gifts of the People

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5.16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.
Matthew 6.19

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*

All may sit or kneel, while the minister prepares the Holy Table.

Intercession

The minister takes the collection plate and blesses it as a symbol of giving for the work of the church at St Mary-le-Tower.

The minister offers some biddings, and then says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,

**to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith
turn unto him: have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and
I will refresh you. *Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten
Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and
worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have
an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

The Great Thanksgiving

All may stand.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God;
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks because through him you
have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so
that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in
the promise of eternal life; for to thy faithful people life
is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh
is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready
for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

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

Prayer of Humble Access

All may sit or kneel.

**We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:**

**grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender
mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer
death upon the cross for our redemption; who made
there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full,
perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in
his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual
memory of that his precious death, until his coming
again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech
thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of
bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death
and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body
and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took
bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he
had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all
of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which
is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of
me. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

The minister raises the elements and says:

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Communion will be administered to the people remaining in their places, and the minister will move to people around the church. Communion will be administered one kind only. The Bread will be carefully dropped into people's hands, so that there is no physical contact.

If you wish to receive, please hold out your crossed hands as the minister approaches. Please do not remove your mask to eat the bread until after the minister has passed by.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please remain standing but without holding out your hands, and the minister will return with gluten free bread.

Those in church who prefer to do so, are welcome to participate through Spiritual Communion, in the same way that as those participating online are doing. Whenever and wherever we are, in this Holy Communion we are united by the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ, given to us in baptism.

Communion is administered strictly in accordance with Bishops guidelines. Communion is given in one kind only, and the Bishops assure everyone that this is entirely as spiritually beneficial as receiving in both kinds.

The Sending Out

All may sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour commanded and taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Please remain standing.

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Service

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

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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