

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

## 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](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

Chorale Prelude on ‘Down Ampney’ - Richard Popplewell  
*Organist: William Baldry*

### Welcome and Introduction

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

*The minister introduces the service, and then says:*

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.**

### Introduction

*Remaining standing.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of

himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

### Responsory

As we wait in silence,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

*Silence is kept for a time.*

### First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

*read by Ruth Longhurst. Please sit.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us**

## Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.  
Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
bringing strength out of weakness,  
hope out of despair, and life out of death.  
By the power of your Spirit,  
may your blessing rest upon your disciples everywhere.  
May your Church be a sign  
of your acceptance and adoption,  
your equipping and empowering.  
Form in us the likeness of Christ,  
that we may be witnesses of your astonishing love,  
and fill us afresh with life in all its fullness.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us bless the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

## Gloria (Spaurmesse - Mozart)

*Please stand. Sung by the choir.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te;  
benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te;*

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.

*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam  
tuam, Domine Deus, rex coelestis, Deus Pater  
omnipotens.*

We give thanks to thee for thy great  
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God  
the Father almighty.

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine  
Deus Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis  
peccata mundi miserere nobis.*

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.

*Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe  
deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

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.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus tu solus Dominus  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto  
Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

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)

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead  
us to eternal life.

*We keep a period of silent prayer together.*

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
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

### Psalm 104. 24-end

*Sung by the choir.*

O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast  
thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.  
So is the great and wide sea also : wherein are things  
creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.  
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan : whom  
thou hast made to take his pastime therein.  
These wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them  
meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it : and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.  
 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.  
 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  
 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.  
 The earth shall tremble at the look of him : if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.  
 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.  
 And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.  
 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

*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.

**Gospel: John 15.26–27, 16.4b–15**

*read by Richard Hanley, Elder*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

‘And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will

glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
 he did not cling to equality with God,  
 but made himself nothing.  
 Taking the form of a slave,  
 he was born in human likeness.  
 He humbled himself  
 and was obedient to death,  
 even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
 and given him the name above every name:  
 that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bow,  
 and every voice proclaim  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Intercession**

*Led by Hilary Norman. Please kneel or sit.*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*Lord Jesus we thank you that you have fulfilled your promise and given us your Spirit to abide with us forever: grant us to know your presence in all its divine fullness. May the fruit of the Spirit be growing continually in our lives.*

We pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World, remembering today the Anglican Church of Melanesia. In our diocese we pray for Parishes in the Hoxne Deanery, and for Chaplains to the British Legion.

*We praise you O God, because you gave the Holy Spirit to the first Christians to support them and giving them power to witness boldly.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In our life at St. Mary-le-Tower, we pray for our mission amongst the people in the town centre. For those working in Tower House bringing a community presence there. We pray for the direction of our future ministry as we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and encourage everyone to share our vision.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Government, its Ministers and advisers. That current restrictions can be lifted safely. That everyone will take care and act responsibly to prevent further spread of Covid virus, and as Spring turns to summer we hope that holiday plans can be made safely. That all who work for tourism can rebuild their business.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people in India who have lost homes and livelihoods as a result of the damaging cyclone, while still battling to control Coronavirus. For the people of Israel and Palestine: that a route to peaceful co-existence can be found. We pray for peace throughout our troubled world: for freedom from oppression and poverty for all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

At the beginning of our Summer Lunchtime Concert season we pray for all who will bring the joy of music and share it with new audiences.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we know who are sick or otherwise distressed and those who are housebound including Penny Parke and Jaydon McConnachie. We continue to remember Derek le May and Helen Burtonshaw, Tony Brook-Carr, Grace Chandler, Ian Miller, Eileen Mayers and Mary Trythall.

*Bring comfort to all for whom we pray. Father of compassion, who never fails those who cry to you, give them strength in their need, for underneath are your everlasting arms. Be with all who dally care for the sick, give them wisdom and gentleness as they fulfil their tasks, that they shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress.*

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died; and those who mourn the passing of those they have loved but see no longer. We give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance is at this time including Derrick Wood, Caroline Wheeler, Francesca Goss and Julia Seaton.

*God of mercy you promised eternal life to those who believe. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom.*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Heavenly Father, you have promised through your Son Jesus Christ, that when we meet in his name, and pray according to his mind, he will be among us and hear our prayer, in your love and mercy fulfil our desires and give us your greatest gift which is to know you.*

Merciful Father;

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

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand.*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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 (Ives)

*Please sit, while the minister prepares the Holy Table and the choir sings.*

Listen sweet dove unto my song  
And spread thy golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long  
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
That the earth did like a heaven appear,  
The starres were coming down to know  
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
Hung down his head and wisht for night  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
Going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,  
The same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for thy great name,  
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

### Offertory Sentence

*Please stand, as the minister takes the offering plate. Recalling our giving for God's work of in the life and mission of our Church, the minister says:*

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present this sign of our gifts  
for the work you have given us to do;  
**use it, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## 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**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues  
in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Mozart)*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeliet terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

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):*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

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.**

*We keep a time of quiet together.*

## 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 (Mozart)

*Sung by the choir:*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis, dona nobis pacem.  
O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us. Grant us thy peace.*

## Holy Communion

*Please all stand.*

*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

**Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

## Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Ipswich, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

## Blessing

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Organ Voluntary

Alla Marcia – John Ireland

*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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