

Choral Evensong

5.30pm 23rd 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 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 (*Leighton*)

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!

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
and with abundance of thy grace:
keep fare our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

‘Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.’ Amen.

Listening for the Word from God

Psalm 139. 1-11 *Please sit.*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me :
thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising,
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest
out all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O
Lord, knowest it altogether.
Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid
thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me :
I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall
I go then from thy presence?
If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to
hell, thou art there also.
If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the
uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right
hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then
shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the

night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to
thee are both alike.

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

Ezekiel 36.22-28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord
God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am
about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which
you have profaned among the nations to which you
came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been
profaned among the nations, and which you have
profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I
am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I
display my holiness before their eyes.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all
the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will
sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean
from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I
will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new
spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your
body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I
will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my
statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then
you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Canticle of Praise (*Dyson in F*)

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

Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Here ends the New Testament reading.

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 (*Leighton*)

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

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy 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 thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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 (Elgar)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to
preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn
a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise
for the spirit of heaviness;

That they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord
that He might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the
things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause
righteousness and praise to
spring forth before all nations.

Intercession

Lord, come to bless us; **And fill us with your Spirit.**

**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.

O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.

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.**

Organ Voluntary *Please sit.*

Chorale Prelude on 'Hereford' – Malcolm Riley

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.*

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staff, it is best to do this currently by phone or email:*

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