

# Holy Communion

8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.30am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

## 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 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 7.57am in preparation for the service (Wednesday 10.27am).
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.

### 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:  
cleans 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

Almighty God, who through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by thy grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Listening for the Word from God

### First Reading: Acts 8.26-end

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went.

Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of

the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Here ends the reading from the Book of Acts.

## The Gospel: John 15.1-8

*All please stand.*

The holy Gospel is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning to read at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

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.**

## Sermon

*Revd Canon Charles Jenkin, Vicar*

# Holy Communion

## 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  
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*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

## The Lord's Prayer

*All may sit or kneel.*

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.

## Gloria

*We stand to praise God.*

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

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
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.**

**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.**

## Blessing

*Please remain standing.*

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 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 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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