

Choral Eucharist

10.30am 30th May 2021 – Trinity 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 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 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.

Prayer of Preparation

Remaining standing.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Please kneel or sit, and we pause for a time of self-reflection.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*Missa Alme Pater - Millington*)

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)

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

We keep a period of silent prayer together.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

First Reading: Romans 8.12-17

read by Katrina Robertson. Please stand.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For the gift of his living word;
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Sung by the choir.

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams
unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water -flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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 3.1-17

read by Sonia Docherty, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'

'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Roger Pallant

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercession

Led by Richard Hanley. Please kneel or sit.

Merciful Father;

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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 (Durufié)

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

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has united us.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God
and adore him from a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.

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 our giving
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, our duty and our joy,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
 you are one God, one Lord.
 All that you reveal of your glory,
 the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
 without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
 Father of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
 Three Persons we adore,
 one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,
 with cherubim and seraphim,
 we sing for ever of your glory:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Millington)

*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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood
 of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.
 You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once
 for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
 and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you
 this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of
 Blessed Mary and all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through 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 (Millington)

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

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son
and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. 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!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and
sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you: **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you: **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace: **Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the holy and undivided Trinity,
guard you, save you,
and bring you to that heavenly city,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

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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