

# Choral Eucharist

10.30am 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 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

Christ ist erstanden BWV 627 – J. S. Bach

*Organist: William Baldry*

### Welcome and Introduction

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

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.**

### Prayer of Preparation

*Please kneel or sit.*

**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

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*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 (*Spatzenmesse - 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)

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

*We keep a time of silent prayer together.*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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: Acts 10.44-end

*read by Archie Thompson. Please sit.*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

For the gift of his living word,

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

*Sung by the choir.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

*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 15.9-17

*Please stand.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

## Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Intercession

*Led by Sonia Docherty, Elder.*

*Please kneel or sit.*

God of love, help us to abide in you so you can abide in us and help us to love one another as you continue to love us.

God of Hope, we pray for the mission and unity of the Church throughout the World: praying today for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In

our own diocese we pray for the Inspire Ipswich team as they explore new ways to connect with the local community, nurture new disciples and help us all to grow in our faith.

Here at the Tower, we pray for Charles and the music team as they prepare for the further easing of the Covid restrictions when more of us can meet in church again.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of Community we give thanks for the opportunity you have given us in the Tower House project where, by working with our licensees as a collective, we are able to reach many more disadvantaged and needful members of our local community than we would otherwise have been able to do on our own. We pray that through this work we can grow into a more caring, interconnected and loving community with you and St Mary-Le-Tower at the heart of it.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of Compassion, as India faces the ravages of corona virus we pray for some relief for their suffering. May those in this world who have an excess of medicine and oxygen be moved to generosity and may those who face great anguish find some measure of comfort.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of Justice we pray for all those who have been unfairly incarcerated and held against their will including Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe. We give thanks for those who are working for justice and trying to gain her freedom, please give them energy and focus as they try to deal with the next phase of this complex case. We pray also for Nazanin's family, her husband Richard and daughter Gabriella. We ask for your mercy, peace and love to surround and support them.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of Truth, we pray for a spirit of openness and fairness for those elected to govern us, in particular those recently elected. Renew their vision for their role in society and bring people into the centre of government who have a spirit of service and integrity. Help those who make decisions to see the true plight of the poorest and most disadvantaged in our society and look for that which will bring about deep and lasting change.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

God of Comfort, we acknowledge the wide variety of feelings within our local communities prompted by the change to the lock down. From those who are exhilarated by recent freedoms to some who remain anxious about the possibility of a new surge, may we find understanding and empathy for one another.

Help us to be mindful of the many families across this country who are still grieving the loss of loved ones. Bring solace to them and help them to find small shoots of hope for the future. Give us all the ability to think in terms of the whole community not just about ourselves and help us to keep our eyes wide open to truly see how those around us are coping as things change.

We pray for those who are sick or otherwise distressed including Jaydon McConachie and we continue to pray for Penny Parke, Derek Le May, Sally Patient, Helen Burtonshaw, Andy Courage, Jill Ganzoni, Margrid Brooks and Mary Gurney.

We pray rest in peace and rise in glory for those who have recently died and we give thanks for the lives of those whose remembrance falls at this time of year including Matthew Patient, Bernard Willey, Leslie Baldry and Ruth Pearce.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father;

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

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. 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  
PCC St Mary le Tower Ipswich*

### Offertory Anthem (Shepherd)

*Sung by the choir. Please sit.*

*During which the minister prepares the Holy Table.*

A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

### Offertory Sentence

*Please stand. The minister takes the collection 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 money,  
symbol of 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**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious 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, 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 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 (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

*Before receiving Communion, 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

**God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
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!*

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Alleluia!

## Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat (St Anne) BWV 552.2 – J. S. Bach

*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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