

Choral Eucharist

10.30am 13th June 2021 – Trinity 2

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

Herr Gott, nun sei gepreiset BWV 601 – 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.

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 so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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 (Addington Service- Shepherd)

Please stand. Sung by the choir.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
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.

Lord, you have taught us
 that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
 send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
 that most excellent gift of love,
 the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which
 whoever lives is counted dead before you.
 Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
 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: 2 Corinthians 5.6-17

read by Sue Adair.

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Gradual Hymn

Please stand. Due to Coronavirus regulations, it is sadly still 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!

For the fruits of all creation
 thanks be to God;
 for his gifts to every nation,
 thanks be to God;
 for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
 silent growth while men are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safe keeping
 thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done;
 in our world-wide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests men are sharing,
 God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the good all men inherit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

read by Sonia Docherty, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in

parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Revd Canon Charles Jenkin

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 Cathy Moss, Elder. 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.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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 (Cebbalos)

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

*Surge, propera amica mea, et veni.
Veni, speciosa mea, ostende mihi faciem tuam.
Favus distillans labia tua;
mel et lac sub lingua tua.
Veni sponsa mea, veni coronaberis.*

Arise my love and come.
Come my fair one, let me see your face.
Your lips distil nectar,
honey and milk are under your tongue.
Come my bride, and you shall be crowned.

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:*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

The Sanctus is sung by the choir (Shepherd)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Benedictus is sung by the choir.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or sit.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory, and
we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.
Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,

in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours 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 (Shepherd)

Sung by the choir:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us 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

**Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us
at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

Sung by the choir.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The captives are freed, the sinners find peace,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole,
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia super 'Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott' BWV 651 – 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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