

# Choral Evensong

5.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Trinity 3

## 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](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

*Organist: David Poulter*

### 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 (Smith)

*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!*

O blest Creator of the light,  
Who makest day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all.

Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them Day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard thy people's prayers and tears.

Lest, sunk in sin, and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave them chains of guilt and crime.

But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;  
Who, with the Spirit and with Thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

## Listening for the Word from God

**Psalm 49** *Please sit.*

O HEAR ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your  
ears, all ye that dwell in the world;  
High and low, rich and poor : one with another.  
My mouth shall speak of wisdom : and my heart shall  
muse of understanding.  
I will incline mine ear to the parable : and shew my dark  
speech upon the harp.  
Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness : and  
when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me  
round about?  
There be some that put their trust in their goods : and  
boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.  
But no man may deliver his brother : nor make  
agreement unto God for him;  
For it cost more to redeem their souls : so that he  
must let that alone for ever;  
Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.  
For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish  
together : as well as the ignorant and foolish, and  
leave their riches for other.  
And yet they think that their houses shall continue for  
ever : and that their dwelling-places shall endure  
from one generation to another; and call the lands

after their own names.

Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour : seeing that  
he may be compared unto the beasts that perish;  
this is the way of them.

This is their foolishness : and their posterity praise their  
saying.

They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon  
them, and the righteous shall have domination over  
them in the morning : their beauty shall consume in  
the sepulchre out of their dwelling.

But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell :  
for he shall receive me.

Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich : or if the  
glory of his house be increased.

For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth  
: neither shall his pomp follow him.

For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man :  
and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will  
speak good of thee.

He shall follow the generation of his fathers : and shall  
never see light.

Man being in honour hath no understanding : but is  
compared unto the beasts that perish.

*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

**Jeremiah 10.1-6**

Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you, O house of  
Israel. Thus says the Lord: Do not learn the way of the  
nations, or be dismayed at the signs of the heavens;  
for the nations are dismayed at them.

For the customs of the peoples are false: a tree from  
the forest is cut down, and worked with an axe by the  
hands of an artisan; people deck it with silver and gold;  
they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot  
move. Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber  
field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried,  
for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they  
cannot do evil, nor is it in them to do good.

There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your  
name is great in might.

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

*We keep a time of quiet reflection on the reading.*

## Canticle of Praise (Walmisley in D)

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

### Romans 11.25-36

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are,  
brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this  
mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until  
the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of  
Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness  
from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I  
take away their sins.'

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your  
sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the  
sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of  
God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient  
to God but have now received mercy because of their  
disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in  
order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may  
now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in  
disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge  
of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how  
inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of  
the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who  
has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For  
from him and through him and to him are all things. To  
him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Here ends the New Testament reading.

*We keep a time of quiet reflection on the 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 (Smith)

*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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin  
 and have sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts  
 whereby we call thee Father:  
 give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service,  
 that we and all creation may be brought  
 to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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 (Fauré)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
 Jour éternel de la terre et des cieus,  
 De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:  
 Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

Word equal to the All-High, our only hope of heaven,  
 Eternal Dayspring of the earth and sky,  
 We break the silent calm of the untroubled even:  
 Saviour divine, bend upon us thine eye.

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,  
 Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;  
 Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante  
 Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois.*

Of thy triumphant grace pour over us the fire  
 That, when thou dost but speak, all hell confounds;  
 Dispel the lethargy of souls whose weak desire  
 Oft makes them of thy laws transgress the bounds.

*Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,  
 Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
 Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,  
 Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

O Christ, benignly view this faithful congregation,  
 Met now their edifice of praise to build;  
 Receive their proffered hymns, accept their true  
 oblation,  
 And send them home with all thy bounty filled.

## Intercession

*The intercession concludes with:*

**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.*

Sing Alleluya forth ye saints on high,  
 And let the Church on earth make glad reply:  
*To Christ the King, sing Alleluia!*

To him who is both Word of God and Son,  
 Who, out of love, our nature did put on:

To him who, born of Mary, shared our life,  
 And in our manhood triumphed in the strife:

To him who did for all our sins atone,  
 On naked majesty on Calvary's throne:

To him who rose victorious from the dead,  
 And reigns on high, his people's Lord and Head:

To him who sent the Holy Spirit's grace,  
 To bear the Father's love to every race:

To him, the universal Saviour, now  
 let every knee in adoration bow:  
*To Christ the King, sing Alleluia!*

## Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you  
 always. **Amen.**

### Organ Voluntary *Please sit.*

*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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