

Choral Eucharist

10.30pm 25th July 2021 – Feast of St James

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.

Step 4 Covid-19 Arrangements in St Mary-le-Tower Church

The Vicar and PCC have agreed these new protocols:

1. All may now sing in church. Alleluia!
2. People in the long nave pews will be asked to continue wear masks and to keep one metre social distancing. All the pews may be used.
3. People in the shorter pews in the side aisles and also in the chancel (including the choir) will have no restrictions requested of them.
4. People with medical exemption from wearing masks are expressly welcome to sit anywhere in church.
5. Everyone will be requested to wear masks when moving about the church, out of respect for others.
6. Communion will now be administered at nave altar but remain in one kind only. Everyone will be requested to wear masks and socially distance by one metre in a single line up in the centre aisle. The choir will be requested to do similarly in the chancel.
7. Everyone will continue to be requested to sanitise their hands on entry into the church.
8. Records of attendance will continue to be kept to

assist Test and Trace.

9. These protocols will be reviewed on a monthly basis, particularly in relation to the local hospitalisation rate for Covid 19.

Music before the Service

Organist: William Baldry

Choir for this service

We welcome the Ipswich Chamber Choir as the choir for this service.

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

The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever. As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for his mercy.

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 (*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)

The Lord be with you,
The Lord bless you.

We keep a period of silent prayer together.

Merciful God,
 whose holy apostle Saint James,
 leaving his father and all that he had,
 was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
 and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
 to be ready at all times
 to answer your call without delay;
 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: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15

read by Humphry Adair.

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be
 made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to
 God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in
 every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven
 to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down,
 but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the
 death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made
 visible in our bodies.

For while we live, we are always being given up to death
 for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made
 visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us,
 but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of
 faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed,
 and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak,
 because we know that the one who raised the Lord
 Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with
 you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake,
 so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
 may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

For the gift of his living word;

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 fill me with life anew,
 that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is pure;
 until with thee I will one will,
 to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine;
 until this earthly part of me
 glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.**

Gospel: Matthew 20.20-28

read by Sonia Docherty, Elder

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.'

He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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.**

Before the Intercession, BANNNS of Marriage are read.

Intercession

Led by Richard Hanley, 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.

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with St James
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.

In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St James and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We keep a time of quiet while the Sanctus bell is rung.

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

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.**

Communion will be administered at the nave altar. Please form a single line to come forward in the centre aisle. Communicants are requested to wear masks while coming forward for Communion and moving around the church. Please try and maintain one metre social distancing.

Communion will be administered one kind only. The Bread will be carefully dropped into people's hands, so that there is no physical contact. Please hold out your crossed hands as you approach the minister, and then lift your mask to consume the bread.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please do not hold out your hands until the minister offers 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.

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Prayer after Communion

When administration of Communion is ended:

**Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever more,
feed me now and ever more.**

**Open now, the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; 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

The livestream continues until the end of the Voluntary

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