

Choral Eucharist

10.30pm 15th August 2021 - FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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.

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

Treuer gott, Ich muss dir klagen - *Johann Pachelbel*
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

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 (*Shepherd*)*Please stand.*

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.

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her
in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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: Galatians 4.4-7***read by Ian Lord.*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to
redeem those who were under the law, so that we
might receive adoption as children. And because you
are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a
slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through
God.

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

Gradual Hymn*Please stand.*

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.

Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,
though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Saviour of mankind.

She gave her body as God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine,
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.

Hail Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed

Gospel: Luke 1.46-55*read by Richard Hanley, Elder*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with
favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now
on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty
One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to
generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has
scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He
has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and
lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good
things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his
servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according
to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and to his descendants for ever.'

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 Hilary Norman, 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
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Offertory Hymn

Please stand.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, Help us see
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

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 Blessed Mary
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:

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

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

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 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 (Shepherd)

**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.**

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, before you move on, 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.

Prayer after Communion

When administration of Communion is ended:

**God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament
of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Out

Mission Hymn

Please stand.

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has
done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

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

Canon in D - Johann Pachelbel

The livestream continues until the end of the Voluntary

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