



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26th July 2026

Proper 12

Welcome to Town Church. Whether you are a regular or occasional visitor, we are pleased to have you as part of our worshipping community today. We hope you enjoy the service. Please join us for tea or coffee at the end of the service in the South Aisle

Bienvenue dans notre église dédiée à Saint-Pierre, mais connue sous le nom de "Town Church". Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir à notre messe aujourd'hui. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez le service. Nous vous invitons à rester pour prendre le thé ou le café à la fin de la messe.

Laipni lūdzam St Peter Port baznīcā, ko sauc arī par Pilsētas baznīcu. Mēs priecājamies, ka esat izvēlējies (-usies) būt kopā ar mums šajā dievkalpojumā un ceram, ka Jums tas patiks. Lūdzam kopā ar mums iebaudīt tēju vai kafiju pēc dievkalpojuma.

Willkommen in unserer Kirche, die Sankt Petrus geweiht, aber als 'Stadtkirche' bekannt ist. Wir freuen uns, dass Sie sich entschlossen haben, an unserer Eucharistiefeier teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



Large Print Orders of Service

Please ask one of the sidespersons if you would like one.



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If you would like to make donations via contactless card/phone there is a machine by the door.

Communion

If you need communion bringing to you in your place, or require a gluten-free wafer, please ask one of the sidespersons before the service, who will be pleased to arrange this.

Music

The musical setting for the service is the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

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The Gathering

Please stand to sing the opening hymn (388)

**O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him, by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, all you of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored.
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen

The Greeting

The president greets the people

All The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Further words of welcome or introduction may be said

Prayer of Preparation

All **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.**

Please sit or kneel

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.

All

**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.**

Kyrie

Please remain seated while we sing the Kyrie

[Organ] *mf* Lord, have mer - cy.

f Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mf mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. *mp* Lord, have mer - cy.

The president says

Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

We stand to sing the Gloria

Gloria

Moderato ♩ = 116

$$ff$$

ff

[Organ] Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God in the

High - est. *f* Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we — praise you for your glo - ry.

[ff] *Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.*
f *Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.*

mf

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. *f* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the

High - est. ***f***
 High - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the

Lord, You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

ff *Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.*
 Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
 both our hearts and bodies
 in the ways of your laws
 and the works of your commandments;
 that through your most mighty protection, both here and
 ever,
 we may be preserved in body and soul;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen

Please sit

First Reading

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from 1 Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119.129-136

The response is sung first by the choir, then repeated by everyone. The choir sings the verses and all join in the response between each verse.

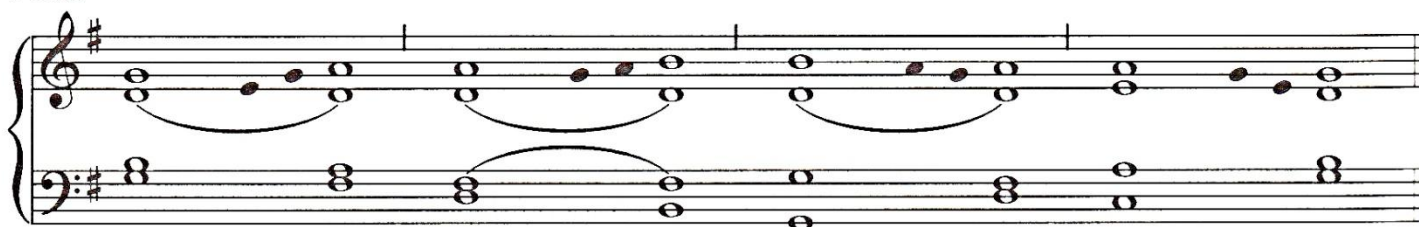
Response

Christopher Tambling

cf. v. 35 Lead me, O Lord in the path of your com - mand - ments.



Verse



1. ¹²⁹ Your testimo | nies are wonderful;
therefore | my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The opening of your word | gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.
2. ¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw | in my breath,
as I long for | your commandments.
¹³² Turn to me and be gra | cious to me,
as is your way with those
who | love your name.
3. ¹³³ Order my steps | by your word,
and let no wickedness
have do | minion over me.
with | my whole heart.
¹³⁴ Redeem me from earth | ly oppressors
so that I may keep | your commandments.

4. ¹³⁵ Show the light of your countenance
 u | pon your servant
 and teach | me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes run down with | streams of water,
 because the wicked do not | keep your law.

Second Reading

Romans 8.26–end

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

All

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for a short reflection.

The Creed

Please stand when the president stands

All

**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 human.**

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. At the end of each bidding the following response is used

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

And at the end this ending is used.

Merciful father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president introduces the peace

We are the body of Christ.
 In the one Spirit we were all baptized 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
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the following hymn (NEH 53), a collection is taken, the table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it. If you wish to donate, but do not have cash; contactless card/phone payments can be made after the service, by the door.

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.**

**No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

David J Evans(b. 1957)

The president receives the prayer cards which have been left in the church by visitors during the past week.

We come to you, loving God,
pilgrims on the road of faith.
In this sacred place, many have paused,
to seek, to grieve, to give thanks.
We gather their prayers now,
offered in silence and trust.
We bring our own needs too,
the weight we carry,
the hopes that guide our steps.

All

**As we offer bread and wine,
sustain us for the road ahead.
Lead us through wilderness and wonder,
and let the grace of this sacrament
be our nourishment for the journey
Amen.**

The following prayer of preparation is said

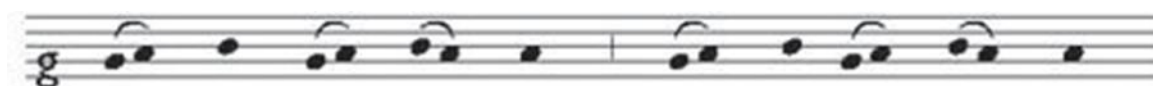
God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Blessed be God forever.

The president takes the bread and the wine

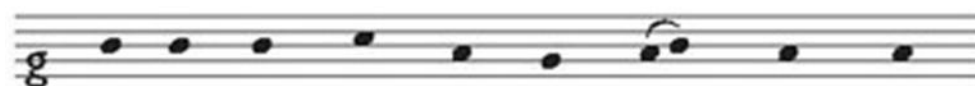
The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. 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.

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:

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, *f* Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
 - san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please sit or kneel

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.

All

Great is the mystery of faith;

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Peter the Apostle and 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.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

A short silence is kept before we pray the Lord's Prayer in our first language whichever that may be.

Nous récitons le Notre Père dans notre langue maternelle.

Mēs lūdzam Tēvreizi katrs savā dzimtajā valodā.

Wir beten das Vaterunser in unserer Muttersprache.

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal,
so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that
Jesus taught us.

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who 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.**

Notre Père....

Vater Unser....

Mūsu Tēvs

Padre Nuestro....

Pai Nosso....

Onze Vader....

Ein Tad....

Ojcze Nasz....

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All

**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

Andante (♩ = 60)

[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you

mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mf Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mp Lamb of God, *mf* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

God. *non rall.* *p* 2

world, Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of the company of Jesus
And with all those who love him.
It is the table of the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth
In which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table,
You who have much faith
And you who would like to have more;
You who have been to this sacrament often,
And you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
And you who have struggled. Come.

All

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All those who wish to receive communion are welcome to receive communion here today. Please receive the bread, then move to the right to receive the chalice or left for the pipette. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with everyone else and hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication of this wish. If you do not want to do either of these then, please feel free to stay in your seat.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Anthem

'O sing Joyfully' Batten

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
 be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
 be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
 shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
 be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices may be given

*The Dismissal***Final Hymn (296)**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.**

**Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing

The president says

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.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

‘Toccata and Fugue in D minor’

J.S Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th July

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 30th July

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet

Said Eucharist with reflective music.

Next Sunday 2nd August

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

11 am Congregational Eucharist

6.30 pm Said Evening Prayer with Hymns (BCP)

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