



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Pentecost
Choral Eucharist
24th May 2026

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 Eucharistiefeyer teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



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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

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The Gathering

Please stand to sing the following hymn (90)

**Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Discendi, amor santo Bianco da Siena (died 1434)
translated Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

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

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All

and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Additional words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love.

We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

Responsory

All As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.

All As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

Please sit

The Pentecost Reading

Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Lord is here.

All

His Spirit is with us.

Gloria

We stand while the choir sings

Choir

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, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
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.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

Please be seated

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.26-36

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 Philip Moore

v. 1a Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Verse

1. ²⁶ O Lord, how manifold are your works!
 In wisdom you have | made them all;
 the earth is full | of your creatures.
 ²⁷ There is the sea, spread | far and wide,
 and there move creatures beyond number, both | small and great.

2. ²⁸ There go the ships, and there is | that Leviathan
 whch you have made to play | in the deep.
 ²⁹ All of these | look to you
 to give them their food | in due season.

3. ³⁰ When you give it | them, they gather it;
 you open your hand and they are | filled with good.
 ³¹ When you hide your face | they are troubled;
 when you take away their breath,
 they die and return again | to the dust.

Gospel Reading

John 7.37-39

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. alleluia.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit

The Creed

Please stand when the president stands

**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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,
 we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.
 We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love
wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,
 you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah
 at the river Jordan,
 and upon the disciples in the upper room:
 in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

All

**hear our prayer,
 and make us one in heart and mind
 to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
 and knows our every word and deed.
 Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
 and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
 Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
 Christ, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
 Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you,
 forgive you your sins,
 and bring you to everlasting life,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace with these words

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you.**

A minister then says

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 (392), 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.

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

*The prayer cards which have been left by visitors during
the past week are offered with this prayer*

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

Blessed be God,
 who feeds the hungry,
 who raises the poor,
 who fills our praise.

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.

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

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues
in the confession of one faith.
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Choir Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

All

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.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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...

Ojcie 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.**

The Choir sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*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

I will sing with the spirit Rutter

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
 who fulfilled the promises of Easter
 by sending us your Holy Spirit
 and opening to every race and nation
 the way of life eternal:
 open our lips by your Spirit,
 that every tongue may tell of your glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Blessing of Light

*Please stand to sing the following hymn (228).
During the singing of the hymn the candles are lit,
and the President moves to the Paschal candle.*

**I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Chorus ***Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the dance went on.**

Chorus ***Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

**I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people,
they said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a cross to die.**

Chorus **Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body,
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance,
and I still go on. *Chorus***

**They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he. *Chorus***

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
 With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
 Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
 Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
 the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
 With the new wine of the Spirit
 they proclaim your reign of love.
 Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
 the way of light is made known.
 Source of freedom, giver of life,
 blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord
 Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have
 proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that
 the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from
 the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in St. Peter Port,
 I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
 will you dare to walk into God's future,
 trusting him to be your guide?

All

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in
 love?

All

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common
 and minister to each other in need?

All

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other
until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's
dark places?

All **We will.**

The Paschal candle is extinguished

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The president says

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power
on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive
us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came
among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

A minister says

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in G. J.S. Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday 27th May

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 28th May

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet
Said Eucharist with reflective music.

Friday 29th May

2.30 pm Memorial Service for Dr. Stephen Roper BEM

5 pm Elizabeth College sings Evensong
All are welcome.

Next Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

11 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

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