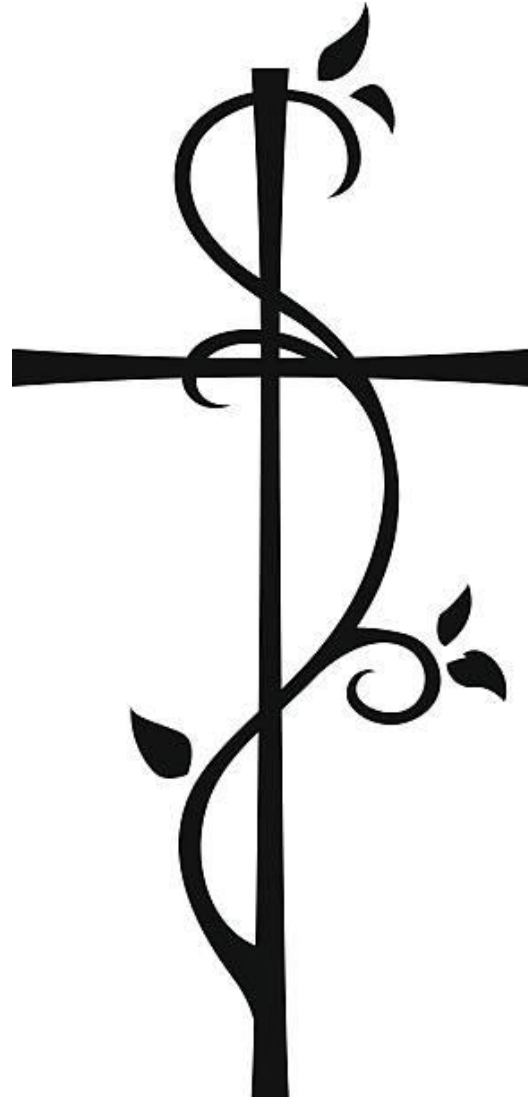




Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd 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 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.



Contactless Card payments

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 (422)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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*

[Organ] Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry 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] *f* *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

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

prayer. *f* 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 with the words,

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
 everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 7.55–60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.1–5,15–16

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

cf. v. 14 I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

Verse

1. ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; make haste | to deliver me
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock | and my stronghold.
2. Guide me and lead me for | your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you | are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I com | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord | God of truth.
3. ¹⁵ 'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand | of
my enemies,
and from | those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ 'Make your face to shine u | pon your servant,
and save me for your | mercy's sake'.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2.2-10

A reading from the first Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner', and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14.1-14

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the first and the last says the Lord and the living one.
 I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

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 John

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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.

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit,
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order,
to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand. The president introduces the peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, "Peace be with you"
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
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 (39), 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 or phone payments can be made after the service, by the door.

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.**

**You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**You're my Friend and you're my brother,
even though you are a king.**

**I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

Martin Nystrom (born 1956)

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.**

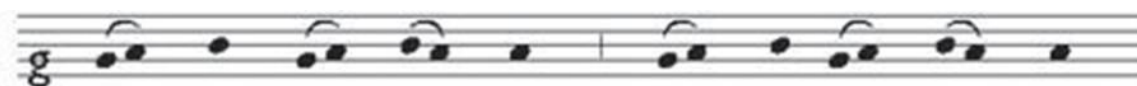
Lord of life,
 With unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
 As we are fed with the bread of heaven
 may we know your resurrection power;
 through Christ our risen Lord

All

Amen

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,
 our duty and our joy,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 almighty and eternal Father,
 and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
 the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
 Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
 has conquered the powers of death and hell
 and restored in all people the image of your glory.
 He has placed them once more in paradise
 and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
 And so, in the joy of this Passover,
 earth and heaven resound with gladness,
 while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
 sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Moderato ♩ = 112



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

<i>All</i>	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.	<i>Notre Père... Vater Unser... Mūsu Tēvs ... Padre Nuestro... Pai Nosso... Onze Vader... Ein Tad... Ojcze Nasz...</i>
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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* world, Grant us peace. **2**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

'This is the day. John Rutter

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
 grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth,
 and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns, now and 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 (560)

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where you love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.**

John L Bell (b.1949)

The Blessing

The president says

Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope
and a new future, fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

'Piece d'orgue' J.S. Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

NOTICES

MAY ROTA

Please fill it in.

LIBERATION DAY SERVICE

Saturday 9th May at 11 am led by The Very Reverend Tim Barker, Dean of Guernsey.

CRUISE SHIPS

Cruise ships will be in port on the following dates:

3rd, 4th, 6th, 10th, 14th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 29th and 30th May. Speak to Hazel if you would like to be part of the informal greeting team in church.

TAX RECLAIM FORMS

If you donated over £500 last year and have not yet filled in a tax reclaim form for your donations in 2025, please do so. The church can reclaim 25% of donations made by Guernsey taxpayers. All we require is you to fill in the form. This represents a significant amount of our annual income. The forms are available by the door or may be downloaded from www.townchurch.net/donate

Save the Date

22nd May - Fundraising Event for Les Bourgs, hosted by Town Church, organised by Stuart Pearce.

21st June - The Very Reverend Tim Barker's Farewell Service followed by refreshments.

29th June - Petertide will be celebrated this year with a BBQ at the Guernsey Yacht Club. £20 per head. More details to follow



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6th May

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 7th May

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

Friday 8th May

12 pm Elizabeth College Liberation Day Service

Saturday 9th May

11 am Liberation Day Service
All are welcome!

Next Sunday 10th May

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)
11 am Sung Eucharist
2 pm Concert : Newland House School Chamber Choir
Free entry with retiring collection.
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

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