Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey

Sung Eucharist

All Saints' Sunday

1st November 2025

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
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 (134)

For all the saints
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus,
be for ever blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear
their one true light:
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers,
faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them,
the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful
warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm
of paradise the blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo, there breaks
a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
the King of Glory
passes on his way!
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!

William W How (1823-1897)

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
The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice
and glorify the Son of God.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Kyrie

Please remain seated while we sing the Kyrie

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy**

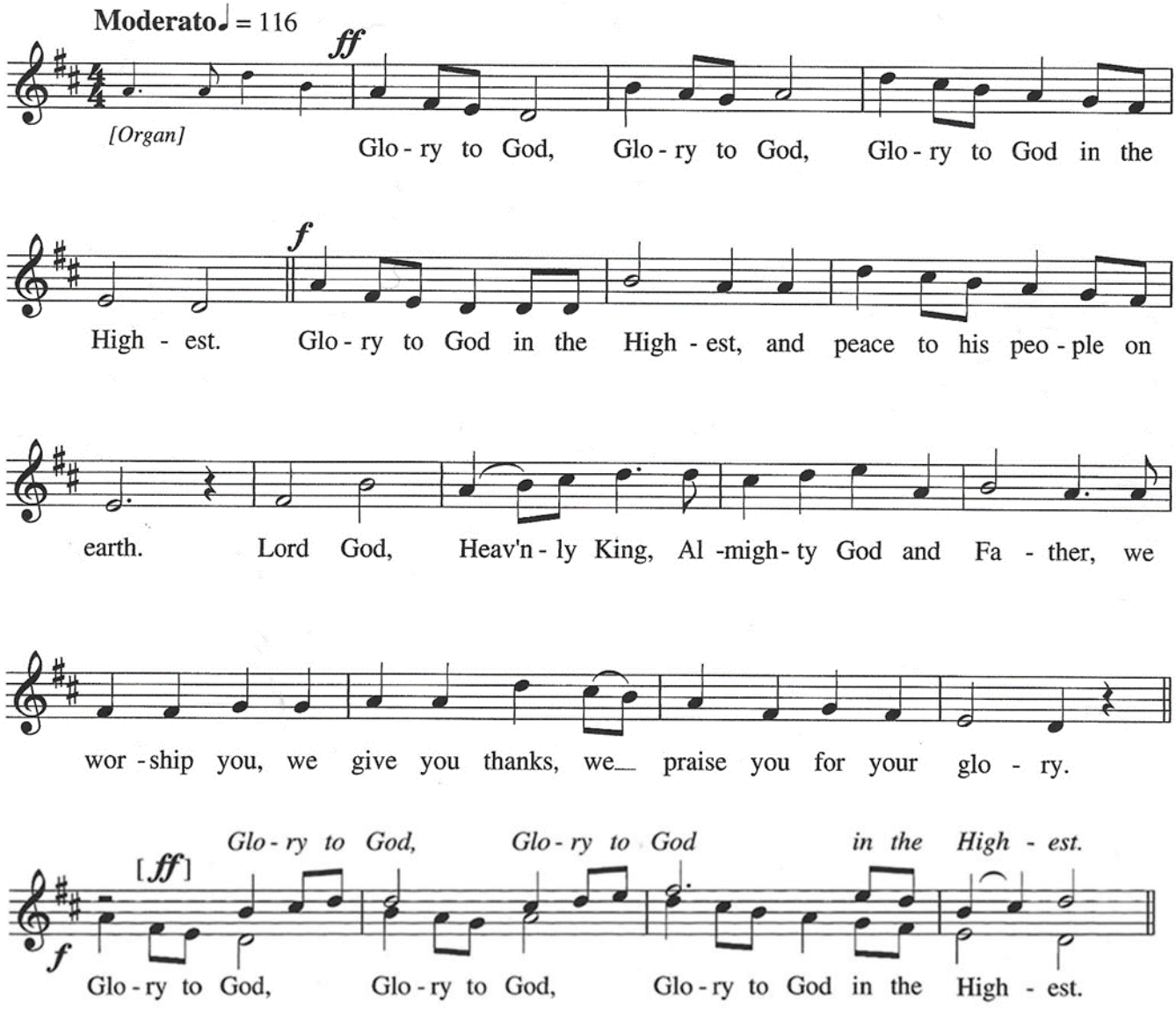
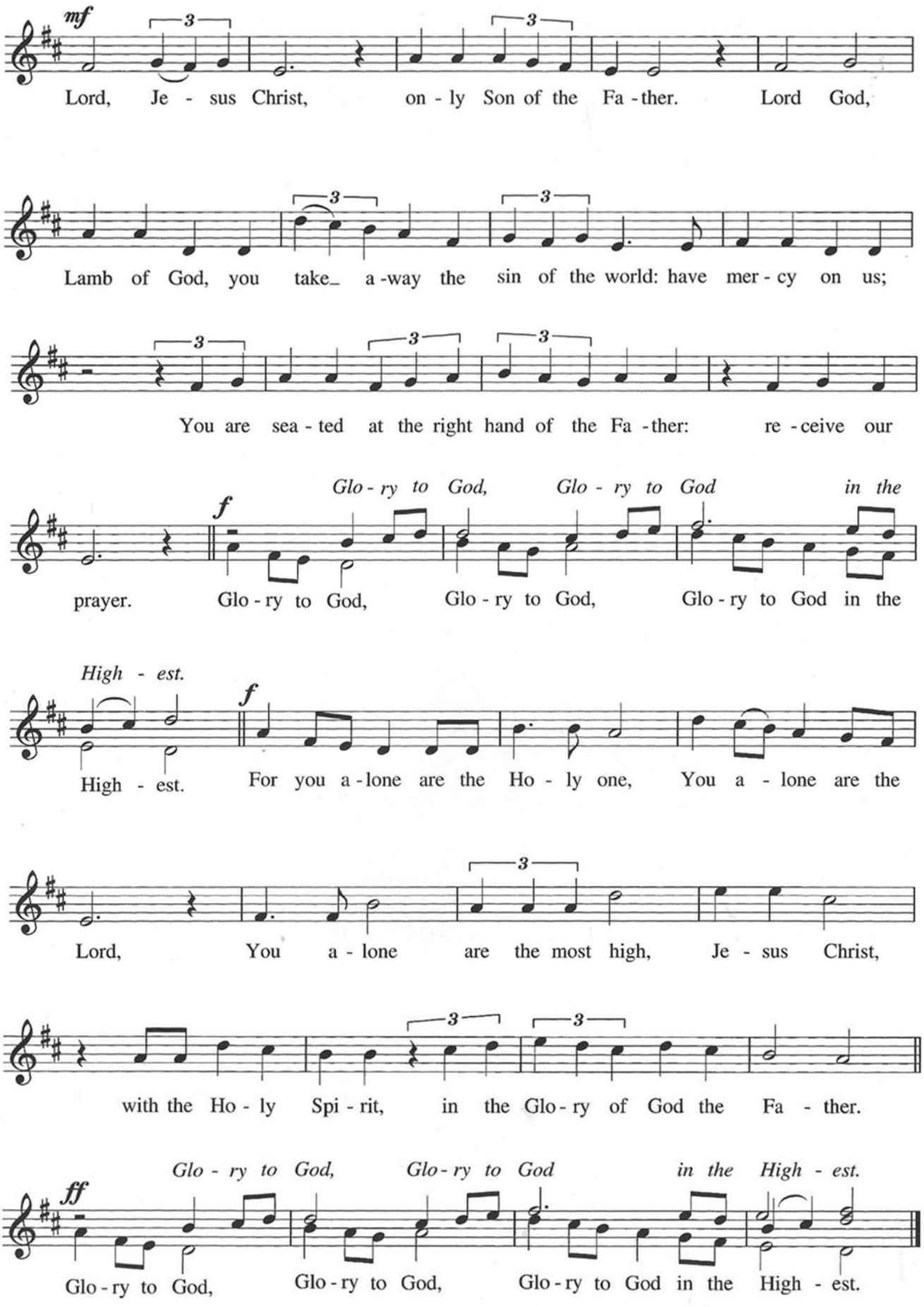
The president says

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.**

Gloria

We stand to sing the Gloria



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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.

All **Amen**

Please sit

First Reading

Revelation 7.9-end

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

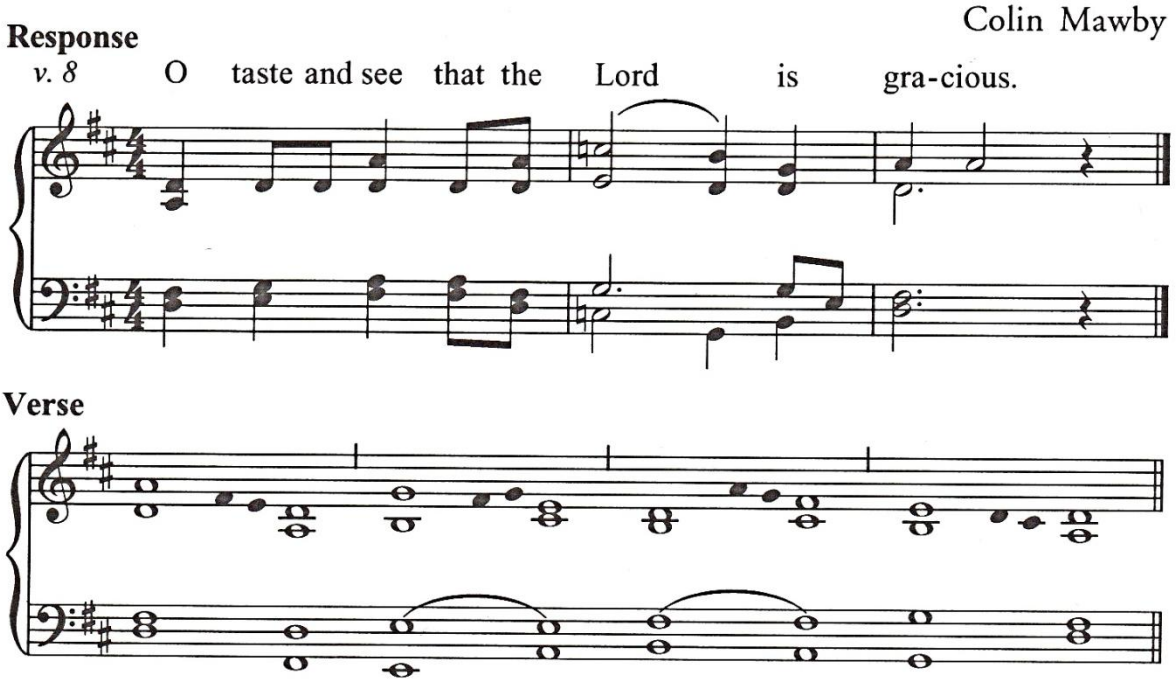
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me,
‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34.1-10

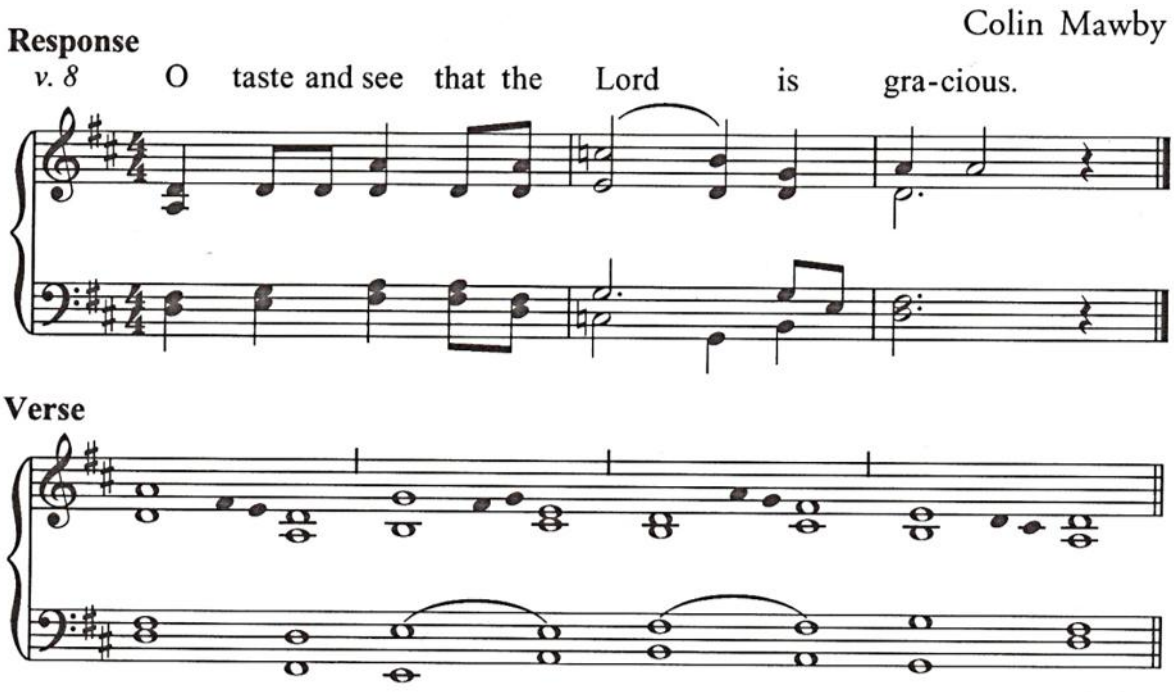
The response is sung first by the choir, then repeated by everyone. The choir sings the verses and all join in the response between each verse.



1. [1] I will bless the Lord | at all times;
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
[2] My soul shall glory | in the Lord;
let the humble hear | and be glad.

2. [3] O magnify the | Lord with me;
let us exalt his | name together.
[4] I sought the Lord | and he answered me
and delivered me from | all my fears.

3. [5] Look upon him | and be radiant
and your faces shall not | be ashamed.
[6] This poor soul cried, and | the Lord heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.



4. [7] The angel | of the Lord
encamps around those who fear him | and delivers them..
[8] O taste and see that the | Lord is gracious;
blessed is the | one who trusts in him.

5. [9] Fear the Lord, all | you his holy ones,
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
[10] Lions may lack and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.

Second Reading

1 John 3.1-3

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-12

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

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

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit.

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 fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of Christ 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 (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.

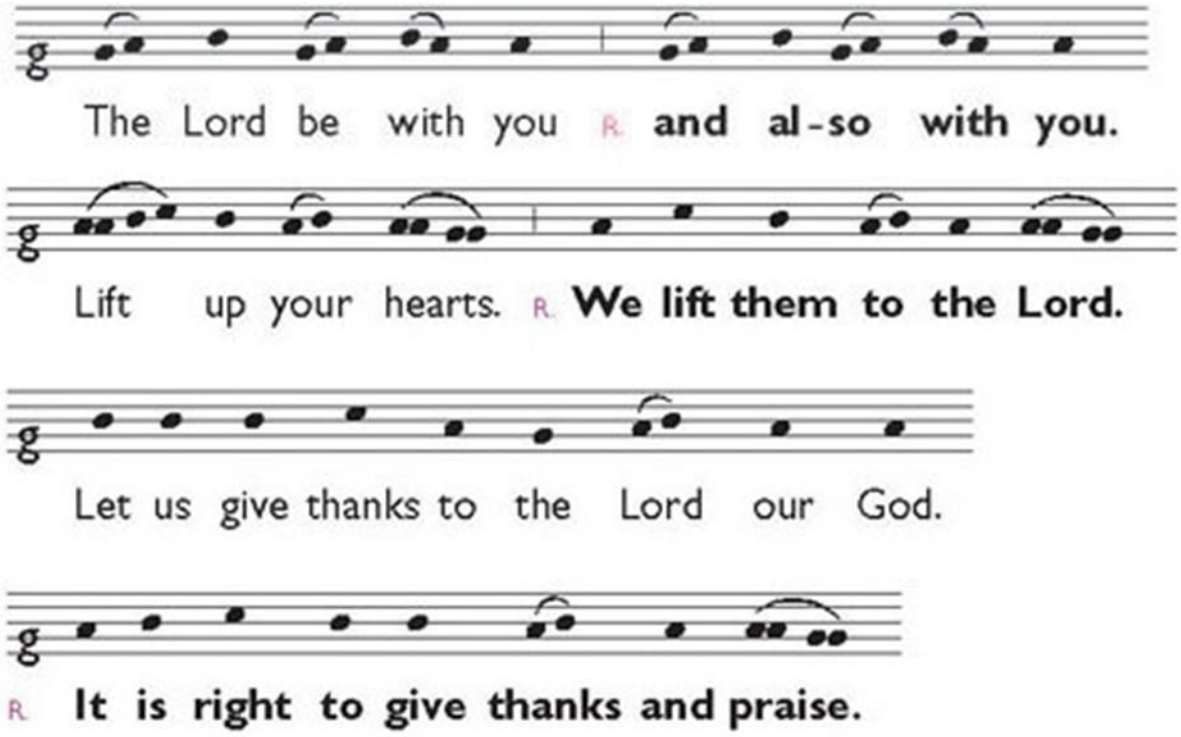
We come to you, loving God,
pilgrims on the road of faith.
In this sacred place, many have paused—
to seek, to grieve, to give thanks.
We gather their prayers now,
offered in silence and trust.
We bring our own needs too—
the weight we carry,
the hopes that guide our steps.

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.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord,
may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

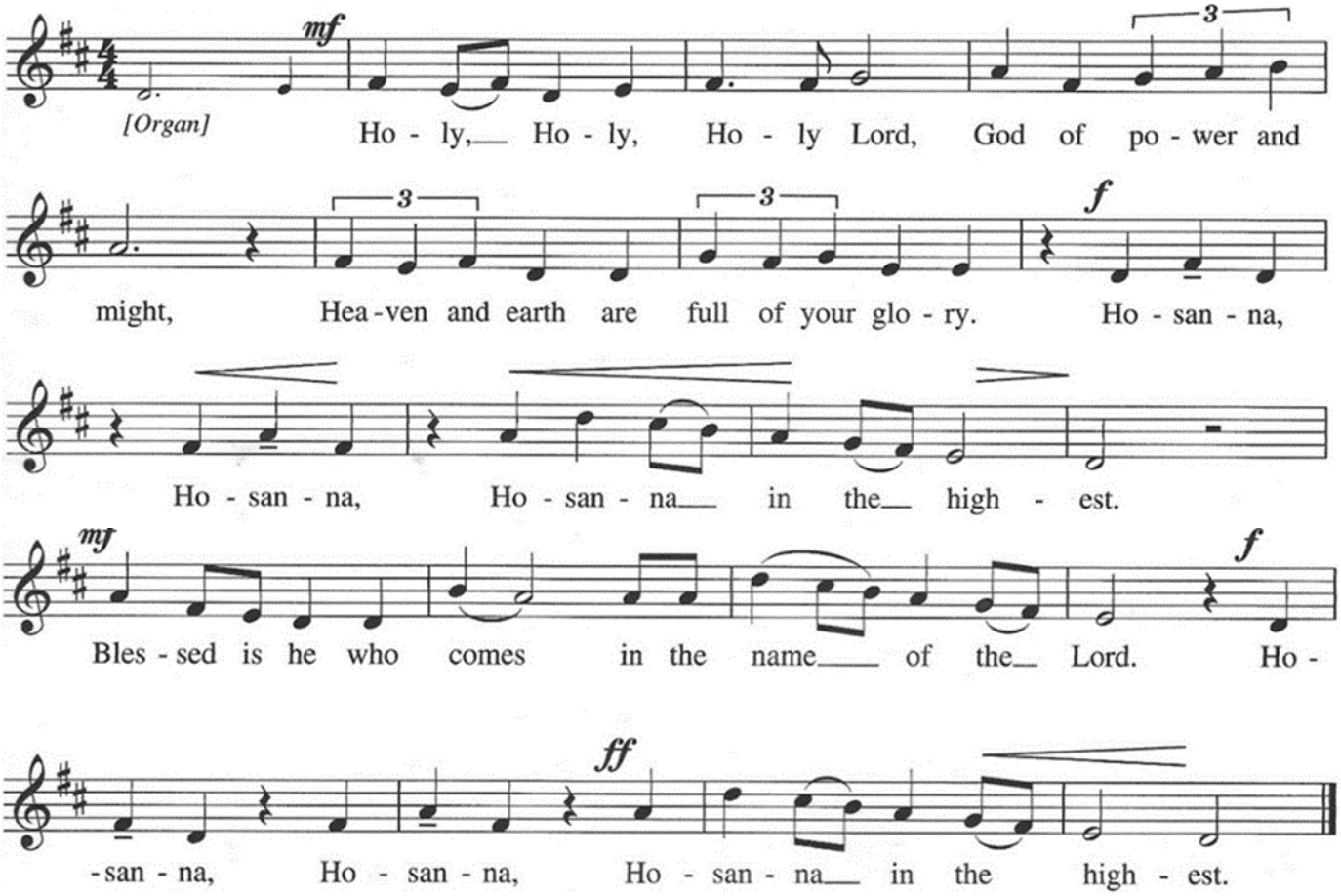
All **Amen.**

The president takes the bread and the wine

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:



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.
Ipinagdarasal natin ang Panalangin ng Panginoon sa ating sariling wika.

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All

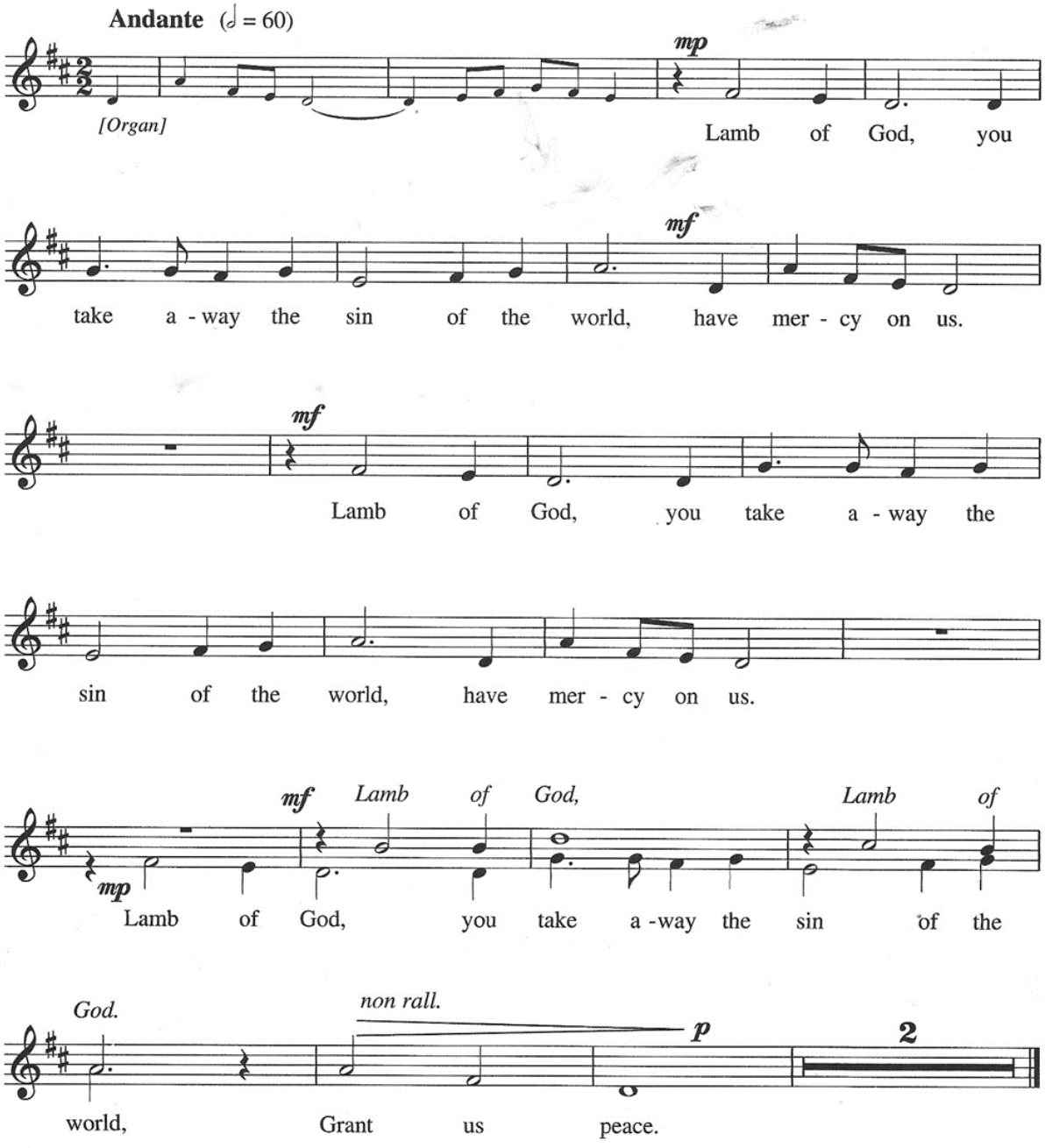
Our Father, who art in heaven *Notre Père....*
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; *Vater Unser....*
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. *Mūsu Tēvs ....*
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, *Padre Nuestro....*
as we forgive those
who trespass against us. *Pai Nosso....*
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. *Onze Vader....*
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, *Ein Tad....*
for ever and ever.
Amen. *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

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

'Give us the wings of faith' Bullock.

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all,**
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices may be given

The Dismissal

Final Hymn (188)

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
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 of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791),
tr Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others

The Blessing

The president says

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

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

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God**

Organ Voluntary

Placare Christe Servulis - Dupré

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle