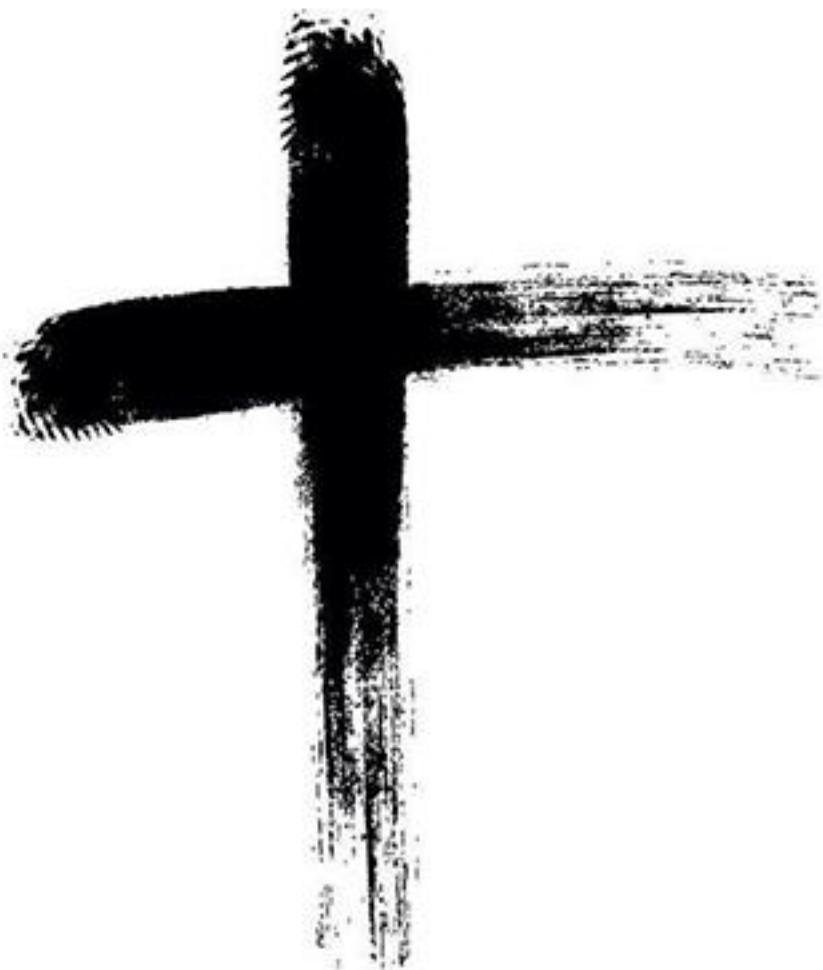




# **Town Church**

## **St Peter Port, Guernsey**



# **Ash Wednesday**

**SUNG EUCHARIST**

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**6.30 pm**

**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 Salisbury Service, by Grayston Ives.

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## Introduction to Lent

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday.

Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. Gloria in excelsis is not used. The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare or Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, and the Feast of the Annunciation almost always falls in Lent; these breaks from austerity are the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

## *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 illumining.**

**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.**

*Additional words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

*The president explains the meaning of Lent and invites  
the people to observe it faithfully*

Dear Friends in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

# Kyrie

*Please remain seated while we sing the Kyrie*

**Flowing (♩ = 96)**

**mf CANTOR**

**CONGREGATION**

**CANTOR**

Lord, have mer - cy,  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,

Christ, have mer - cy,  
Chri - ste e - lei - son,

CONGREGATION

CANTOR

Christ, have mer - cy,  
Chri - ste e - lei - son,

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**CONGREGATION**

Lord, have mer - cy,  
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## The Collect

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 58.1-12*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Shout out, do not hold back!  
 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
 Announce to my people their rebellion,  
 to the house of Jacob their sins.  
 Yet day after day they seek me  
 and delight to know my ways,  
 as if they were a nation that practised righteousness  
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
 they ask of me righteous judgements,  
 they delight to draw near to God.  
 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'  
 Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,  
 and oppress all your workers.  
 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
 and to strike with a wicked fist.  
 Such fasting as you do today  
 will not make your voice heard on high.  
 Is such the fast that I choose,  
 a day to humble oneself?  
 Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
 Will you call this a fast,  
 a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
 to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them,  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you,  
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.  
 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
 if you offer your food to the hungry  
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness  
 and your gloom be like the noonday.  
 The Lord will guide you continually,  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong;  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water,  
 whose waters never fail.  
 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 51.1-18

*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

Alan Rees

v. 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spi-rit with - in me.

## Verse

1. <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, in | your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out | my offences.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly | from my wickedness  
and cleanse me | from my sin.
2. <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is e | ver before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,  
<sup>5</sup> So that you are justified | in your sentence  
and righteous | in your judgement.
3. <sup>6</sup> I have been wicked even | from my birth,  
a sinner when my mo | ther conceived me.  
<sup>7</sup> Behold you desire truth | deep within me  
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths | of my heart.

4. <sup>8</sup> Purge me with hyssop and I | shall be clean;  
wash me and I shall be whi | ter than snow.  
<sup>9</sup> Make me hear of | joy and gladness,  
that the bones you have broken | may rejoice.
5. <sup>10</sup> Turn your face | from my sins  
and blot out all | my misdeeds  
<sup>11</sup> Make me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spi | rit within me.
6. <sup>12</sup> Cast me not away | from your presence  
and take not your holy | spirit from me.  
<sup>13</sup> Give me again the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your | gracious spirit;
7. <sup>14</sup> Then shall I teach your ways | to the wicked  
and sinners | shall return to you.  
<sup>15</sup> Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.
8. <sup>16</sup> O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall pro | claim your praise.  
<sup>17</sup> For you desire no sacrifice, else | I would give it;  
you take no delight | in burnt offerings.  
<sup>18</sup> The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.20b – 6.10

*A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians*

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 6.1–6, 16–21

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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.**

Jesus said, ‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.’

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*Please sit*

## *The Liturgy of Penitence*

### **Self-examination and Confession**

*A minister leads a corporate examination of conscience*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

*All*                   God the Father,  
**have mercy on us.**

*All*                   God the Son,  
**have mercy on us.**

*All*                   God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy on us.**

*All*                   Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,  
**have mercy on us.**

*All*                   **Most merciful God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned**  
**in thought, word and deed.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve,  
as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
*All*                   **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord  
all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy  
and impatience of our lives.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy  
of those more fortunate than ourselves.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord  
for the wrongs we have done,  
for our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements,  
for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours  
and for our prejudice and contempt  
towards those who differ from us.

*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

*All* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord,  
and let your anger depart from us.

*All* **Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*All* **that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*All* **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **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.**

## The Imposition of Ashes

*The President says*

Dear friends in Christ,  
I invite you to receive these ashes  
as a sign of the spirit of penitence  
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,  
you create us from the dust of the earth:  
grant that these ashes may be for us  
a sign of our penitence  
and a symbol of our mortality;  
for it is by your grace alone  
that we receive eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All*

**Amen.**

*The president and people receive the imposition of ashes,  
the president first receiving the imposition from another  
minister.*

*At the imposition the minister says to each person*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.  
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*When all have received the imposition the president says;*

God our Father,  
 the strength of all who put their trust in you,  
 mercifully accept our prayers;  
 and because, in our weakness,  
 we can do nothing good without you,  
 grant us the help of your grace,  
 that in keeping your commandments  
 we may please you, both in will and deed;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

*The president introduces the peace*

Since we are justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who has given us access to his grace.

*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 (287), 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.*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down,  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

*This prayer is said at the preparation of the table*

Risen Lord and Saviour,  
present among us with the wealth of your love,  
cleanse us from sin and give us the faith  
to offer our praise and grow in your grace.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and the wine*

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R** and also 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 and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Easily** ( $\text{♩} = 100$ ) ***mp*** SOPRANOS & ALTOS ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly\_ Lord,

***mf*** CONGREGATION ***cresc.***

God of power and might, God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san na, Ho - san - na, Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

**Quiet and reflective** ( $\text{♩} = 100$ ) ***p***

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.

***p hushed***

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*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.

Christ is the Bread of Life:

*All*  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

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

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup

*All*  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken*

Gently flowing **CONGREGATION**

3

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

6

*world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.*

10

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

14

*world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.*

18

*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:* *poco rit.*

23

*a little slower*

*Grant us, grant us 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 do so here today. Please go to the **right side** of the altar if you wish to receive from either the **chalice** or **pipette**. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with everyone else, to either side of the altar and hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication of this wish. Please feel free to kneel or stand. If you need to receive the sacrament in your seat, please alert a welcomer. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament or a blessing, then please feel free to stay in your seat.*

*The president and people receive communion.*

## **Communion Anthem**

*During Communion the Choir will sing:  
'Lord for thy tender mercies' sake' – Farrant*

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,  
you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin  
and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace  
that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour  
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices may be given*

*The Dismissal***Final Hymn (106)**

*Please stand to sing*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper rev'rence praise,  
in deeper rev'rence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!  
O still small voice of calm!**

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

## **The Blessing**

*The president gives the following blessing*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*The minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Organ Voluntary**

Erbarm dich' BWV 721 - J.S.Bach.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Thursday 19th February

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

### Next Sunday 22nd February

#### The First Sunday of Lent

**8 am** Said Eucharist (BCP)

**11 am** Sung Eucharist

**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**10 am - 12 pm** Wednesday Welcome in Town Church

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