



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Choral Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st April 2024

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 Organist and Director of Music is Stephen le Prevost. The musical setting for the service is Darke in F.

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The Gathering

Please stand to sing the opening hymn (426)

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all divine.**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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

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

Please sit or kneel

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.**

Gloria

We stand while the Choir sings the Gloria

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words,

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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

Andrew Moore

cf. v. 1 The Lord is my shep-herd, there is no-thing *I shall want. The
I can lack.

Lord is my shep-herd, there is no-thing *I shall want.
I can lack.

* Use either text

Verse

* Omit in verse 4

A.R.

1. ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can | I lack nothing.
2. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me be | side still waters.
3. ³ He shall re | fresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness | for his name's sake

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A.R.

2. ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the sha | dow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your | staff, they comfort me.
3. ⁵ You spread a ta | ble before me
in the presence of | those who trouble me;
you have anointed my | head with oil
and my cup | shall be full.
4. ⁶ Surely goodness and loving mer | cy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord for ever.

Second Reading

1 John 3.16-end

A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18

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, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Deacon 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 (231), 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.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.**

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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 seeking your grace,
we offer to you the people
of many different races, cultures and beliefs
who have used this holy place in recent days.
We bring before you the concern on their hearts,
the thoughts in their heads
and the situations for which they have prayed.
And now we offer you our concerns
that as we receive this sacrament of bread and wine;
your grace may lead us on the journey which is before us.
In Christ's name we pray.

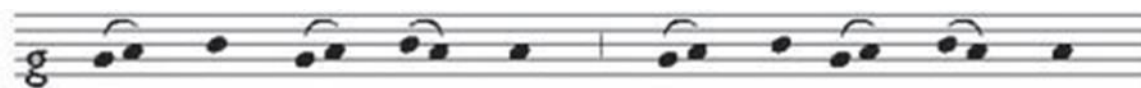
All **Amen.**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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:

*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.

Deacon 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.

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.**

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

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 do so here today. Please go to the **right side** of the altar if you wish to receive from the **chalice** or **the left side** for the **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

I will sing with the spirit Rutter

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

Merciful Father,
 you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good
 shepherd,
 and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
 keep us always under his protection,
 and give us grace to follow in his steps;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Faithful God,
 in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
 made us members of the body of Christ
 and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
 we thank you that in this Eucharist
 you renew your promises within us,
 empower us by your Spirit
 to witness and to serve,
 and send us out as disciples of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Notices may be given

The Dismissal

Final Hymn (228)

**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***

**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***

**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***

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.**

Deacon 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

Voluntary: Prelude in Eb J.S. Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 21st April, following the 11 am service today.

APRIL & MAY ROTAS

Please sign up for the rest of April, and May. Thank you.

SPRING LUNCH

Payment is now being taken for Spring Lunch on Sunday 28th April at 12.30 pm for 1 pm. There is a waiting list if you didn't sign up or would like to come. If you haven't paid, please do.



SUNDAY 5th MAY

A Literary Festival Service with Terry Waite will be held at 11 am.

A Sung Eucharist will be held that evening at 6.30 pm.

CONFIRMATION

If you are thinking about being baptised or confirmed please contact Penny as there will be a confirmation on the island later in the year.

NEW GROUP!

The Lent Group completed thinking about the film 'Chocolat' in Holy Week. There was enthusiasm from the group to continue to meet. This will be monthly in the Rectory. It may be to watch a film and have a discussion, to read a book, to have a Bible Study or discuss a topic, so a wide variety. If you are interested in joining this friendly group, please let Penny know.

CRUISE SHIP WELCOMING

Cruise ships return to the island in April and the 'Welcoming Team' is getting ready. If you'd like to join this group, please contact Penny.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
(in church & online)

7.45 am Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer
(in church)

5.30 pm Monday to Thursday

Wednesday 24th April

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 25th April

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

Next Sunday 28th April

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

11 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

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