



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist
Christ the King
Sunday 23rd 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.



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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 the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

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The Gathering

Please stand to sing the opening hymn (HON 393)

**O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old:
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

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.

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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All

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

Kyrie

Please remain seated while we sing the Kyrie

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 2/2 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a [Organ] marking and a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The lyrics are "Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The second staff continues with the lyrics "Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have" and includes a forte (f) dynamic marking. The third staff concludes with the lyrics "mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." and includes mezzo-forte (mf) and mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic markings.

[Organ] *mf* Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

f Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have

mf *mp* mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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

Moderato ♩ = 116 *ff*

[Organ] Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the

f High - est. 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



prayer. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the



High - est.

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.



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.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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

Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

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.

Martin Setchell

Response

v. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong - hold.

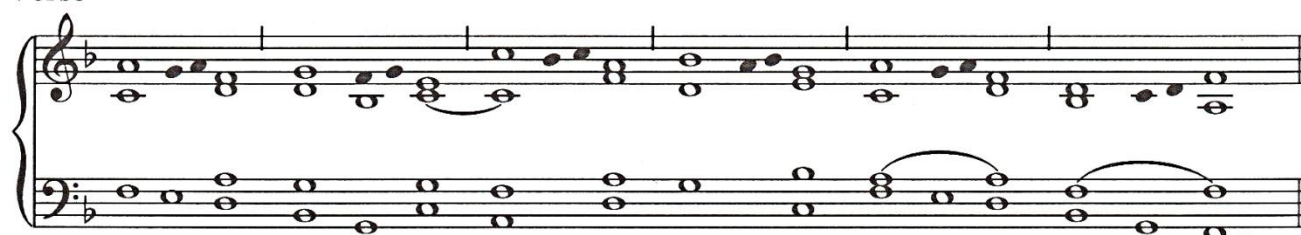
Verse

1. ¹ God is our re | fuge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble;
² Therefore will we not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart | of the sea;
³ Though the waters | rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the to | wering seas.
2. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the ci | ty of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of | the Most Highest.
⁵ God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not | be removed;
God shall help her, at the | break of the day.
⁶ The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,
but God utters his voice, and the earth shall | melt away.
⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Martin Setchell

Response

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**Verse**

3. ⁸ Come and behold the works of the Lord,
 what destruction he has wrought up | on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars to cease in | all the world;
 he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
 and burns the chariots | in the fire.
¹⁰ 'Be still then, and know that | I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.'
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Second Reading*Colossians 1.11-20**A reading from the letter to the Colossians*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33-43

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All The Lord be with you
And also with you

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Please sit.

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.

Merciful father
**accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

All

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president introduces the peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 (HON 432) 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.

**Rejoice , the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

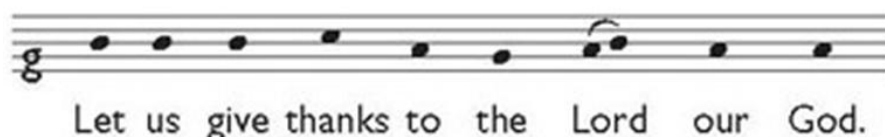
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.
 For with the oil of gladness
 you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
 to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
 As priest, he offered himself once for all
 upon the altar of the cross
 and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice
 of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
 that he may bring before your infinite majesty
 a kingdom of truth and life,
 a kingdom of holiness and grace,
 a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
 and all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending hymn of praise:

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

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Notre Père....

Vater Unser....

Mūsu Tēvs

Padre Nuestro....

Pai Nosso....

Onze Vader....

Ein Tad....

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.

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

world, Grant us peace. *p* 2

non rall.

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

'Lift up your heads O ye gates'.

Mathias

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

All

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices may be given

*The Dismissal***Final Hymn (HON 296)**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!**

George Herbert (1593-1632)

The Blessing

The president says

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary

'Postlude in D minor' Stanford

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle