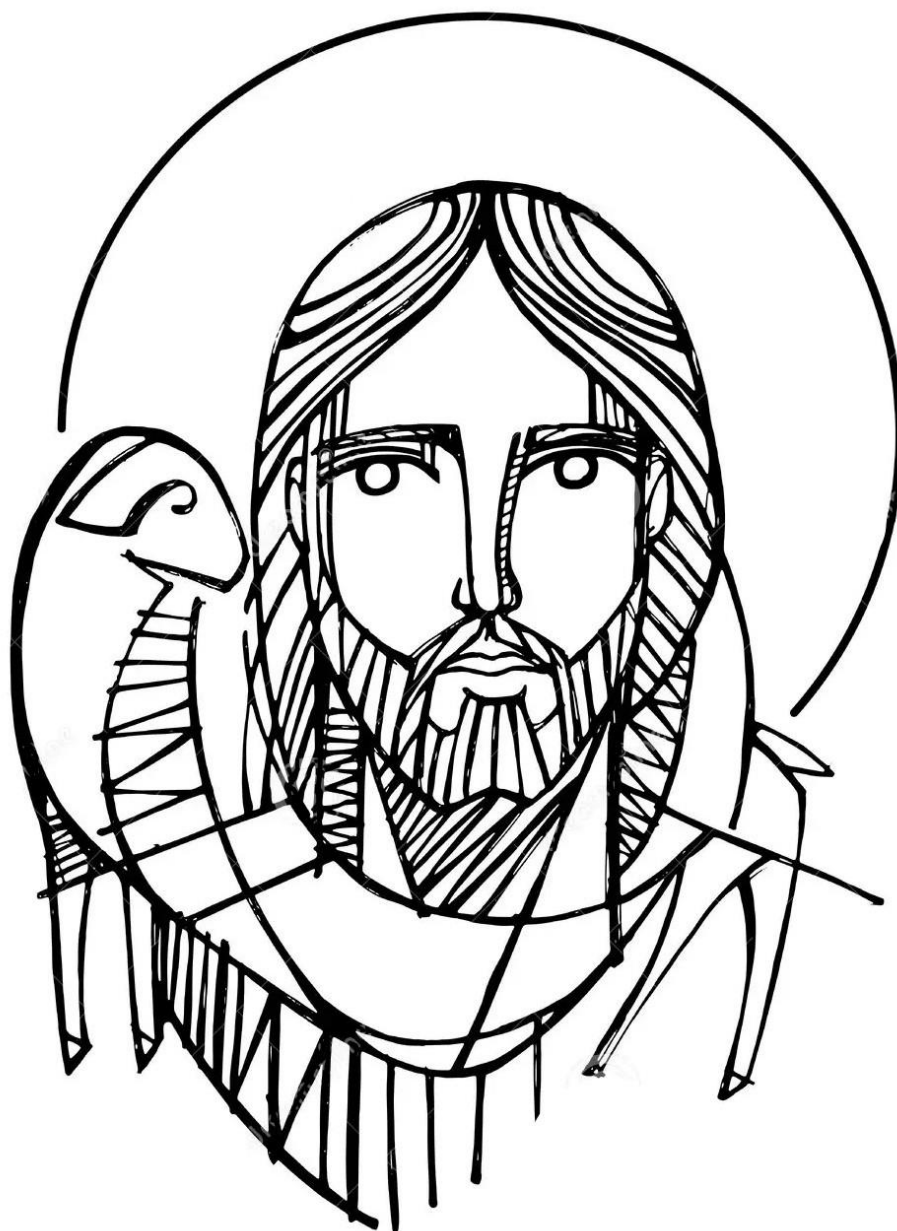




# **Town Church**

## **St Peter Port, Guernsey**



**Sung Eucharist**  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
**Sunday 11th May 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**

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 (422)*

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

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

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

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

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen**

## **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people*

*All*      The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*All*      Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**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*

*Deacon* 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.**

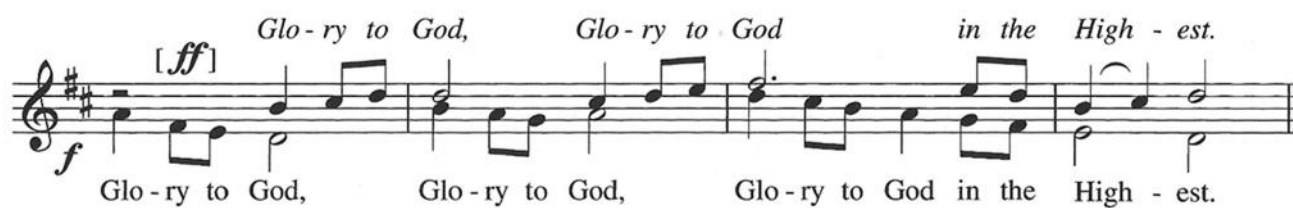
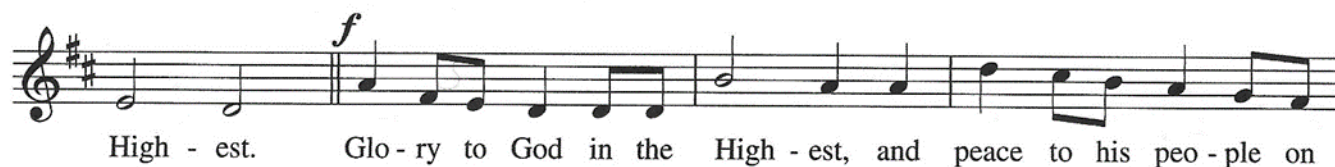
Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

# Gloria

*We stand to sing the Gloria*

Moderato ♩ = 116





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. 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.

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 9.36-end*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs.

All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

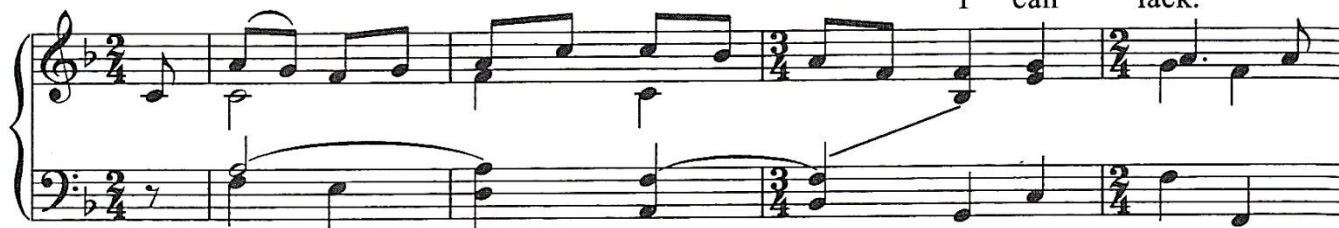
# Psalm 23

*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.

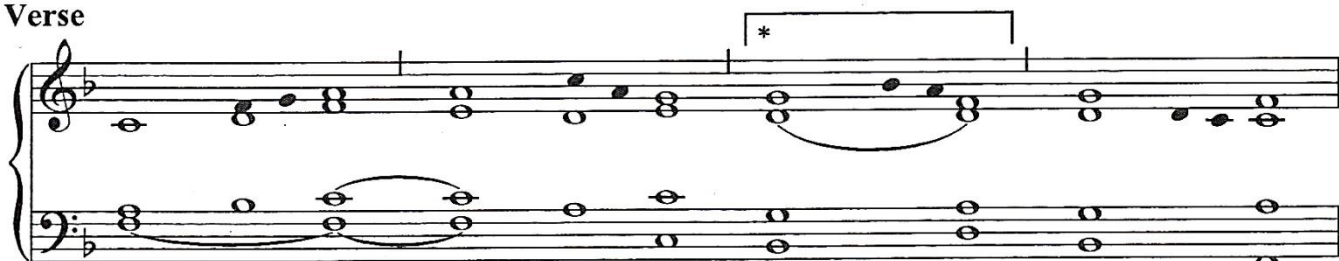


Lord is my shep-herd, there is no-thing \*I shall want. I can lack.



\* Use either text

## Verse



\* Omit in verse 4

A.R.

1. <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can | I lack nothing.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures  
 and leads me be | side still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He shall re | fresh my soul  
 and guide me in the paths of righteousness | for his name's sake
2. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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**

*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.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 10.22-30*

*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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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.

*All*      The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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 (560), 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.*

**As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

**You're my Friend and you're my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**



*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.**

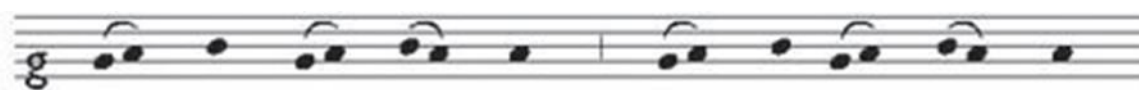
Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

*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:

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and

might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* 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.

*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.

*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

God. *non rall.* *p* 2

world, Grant us peace.

## 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

*This is the day* John 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 (560)**

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

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

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

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

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

*John L Bell (b.1949 )*

## The Blessing

*The president says*

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

*All*        **Amen.**

*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

*Piece d'orgue*    J.S. Bach

***Please join us for refreshments in the South  
Aisle***

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Morning Prayer

(in church + online by request)

**7.45 am** Monday to Thursday

### Evening Prayer

(in church)

**5.30 pm** Monday to Thursday

### This Evening, 11th May

**8 pm** Liberation 80 : The Lectures

### Monday 12th May

**7 pm** Liberation 80 : The Lectures

### Tuesday 13th May

**7 pm** Liberation 80 : The Lectures

### Wednesday 14th May

**10 am – 12 pm** Wednesday Welcome

### Thursday 15th May

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

**7 pm** Liberation 80 : The Lectures

### Friday 16th May

**7 pm** Liberation 80 : The Lectures

### Saturday 17th May

**6.30 pm** Latvian Easter Service

### Next Sunday 18th May

**8 am** Said Eucharist (BCP)

**12 pm** Choral Eucharist

**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

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