

# **Town Church**

## **St Peter Port, Guernsey**



**Choral Eucharist**  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Sunday 15th May 2022*

**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 izvēlēties (-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.



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#### **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 Darke in F.

The Organist and director of The Town Church Choir is Stephen le Prevost.

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## The Greeting

*The president says*

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

*All*      **Amen.**

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

*All*

Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*All*

*Further words of welcome are 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

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.

As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

## ¶ The Gathering

*Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (388)*

**O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him  
in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
all you of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord,  
all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!  
thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along;  
for love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!**

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.**

*Please remain seated while the choir sing the Kyrie*

## **Kyrie**

Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>

Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

*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.  
**Amen.**

All

*We stand to while the choir sing*

## **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,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## First Reading

Acts 11.1-18

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the

Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 148.1-6,13 & 14

1. (Alleluia)  
Praise the Lord | from the heavens;  
praise him, | in the heights.
2. Praise him, | all you his angels;  
praise him, | all his hosts.
3. Praise him, | sun and moon;  
praise, him, all you | stars of light,
4. praise him, hea|ven of heavens,  
and you waters a|bove the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they | were created.
6. He made them fast for e|ver and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.
13. For his name only | is exulted,  
his splendour above | earth heaven.
14. He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people | who are near him.  
(Alleluia)

## Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-6

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

John 13.31-35

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader*

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

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

*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, (sung)*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All, (sung)*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 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.*

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 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 risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Deacon*      Let us offer one another a sign of peace.  
*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn

*during the following hymn 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.*

**Christ has risen, while earth slumbers,  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumour;  
Christ has risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people  
whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples  
huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation  
can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**Christ has risen to companion  
former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation  
where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer,  
they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation,  
breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**Christ has risen and forever  
lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen. Christ is present  
making us what he has been -  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.**

*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.  
Now we offer you our lives  
that as we receive this sacrament;  
your grace may lead us on the journey which is before us.  
In Christ's name we pray

*All*

**Amen.**

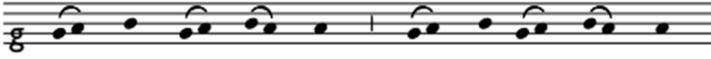
Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

*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.**

Living God, Father of light,  
Hope of nations, Friend of sinners,  
Builder of the city that is to come;  
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,  
you bring home the lost, restore the sinner  
and give dignity to the despised.  
In the face of Jesus Christ  
your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,  
with the Church of all the ages,  
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs  
we join the angels of heaven  
in their unending song:

*The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus*

*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*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Deacon* Great is the mystery of faith

*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we  
worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

## 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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*The choir sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.*

*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*

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. Communion will be received in one kind (bread only). 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. Communion may be received kneeling or standing as is your preference.*

*The president and people receive communion.  
Please keep a prayerful silence for the duration of  
Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the  
sacrament and to pray afterwards.*

## **Communion Anthem**

*During Communion the Choir will sing:*

*This is the day - Rutter*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*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.**

## **Final Hymn (310)**

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word,  
receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

## The Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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

Toccata - *Boëllmann*

*Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle*

### NOTICES

#### **Concert - Guernsey Chamber Choir**

At Town Church on Monday 14th May at 6.30pm.

Funds raised will be split between GROW and Town Church.

#### **Quiz Night at St John's**

St John's will be holding a quiz night in their church hall on *Saturday 28th May at 7pm*. Teams of 6, tickets £10 pp including Ploughman's Supper. Cash bar and raffle. All proceeds to St John's Church Stained Glass Window Fund. To reserve tickets email Sue Germain on [germain@guernsey.net](mailto:germain@guernsey.net) or phone 726023.

# What's on this week

## Morning Prayer (in church and online)

8.15 am Tuesday - Saturday

## Evening Prayer (online)

5.30 pm Tuesday - Saturday

## Wednesday 18th May

10 am - 12 noon Wednesday Welcome

## Thursday 19th May

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet - *Said Eucharist*

## Next Sunday 22nd May

*The 6th Sunday of Easter*

8.00 am **Said Eucharist (BCP)**

11 am **Sung Eucharist**

6.30 pm **Choral Evensong**

*The Very Reverend Tim Barker*

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