Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist

Christ the King

Sunday 22th November 2026

Welcome to Town Church. Whether you are a regular or occasional visitor, we are pleased to have you as part of our worshipping community today. We hope you enjoy the service. Please join us for tea or coffee at the end of the service in the South Aisle

Bienvenue dans notre église dédiée à Saint-Pierre, mais connue sous le nom de "Town Church". Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir à notre messe aujourd'hui. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez le service. Nous vous invitons à rester pour prendre le thé ou le café à la fin de la messe.

Laipni lūdzam St Peter Port baznīcā, ko sauc arī par Pilsētas baznīcu. Mēs priecājamies, ka esat izvēlējies (-usies) būt kopā ar mums šajā dievkalpojumā un ceram, ka Jums tas patiks. Lūdzam kopā ar mums iebaudīt tēju vai kafiju pēc dievkalpojuma.

Willkommen in unserer Kirche, die Sankt Petrus geweiht, aber als'Stadtkirche' bekannt ist. Wir freuen uns, dass Sie sich entschlossen haben, an unserer Eucharistiefeier teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



Large Print Orders of Service
Please ask one of the sidespersons if you would like one.



Contactless Card payments
If you would like to make donations via contactless card/phone there is a machine by the door.

Communion
If you need communion bringing to you in your place, or require a gluten-free wafer, please ask one of the sidespersons before the service, who will be pleased to arrange this.

Music
The musical setting for the service is the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

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Please stand to sing the opening hymn (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 Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

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.

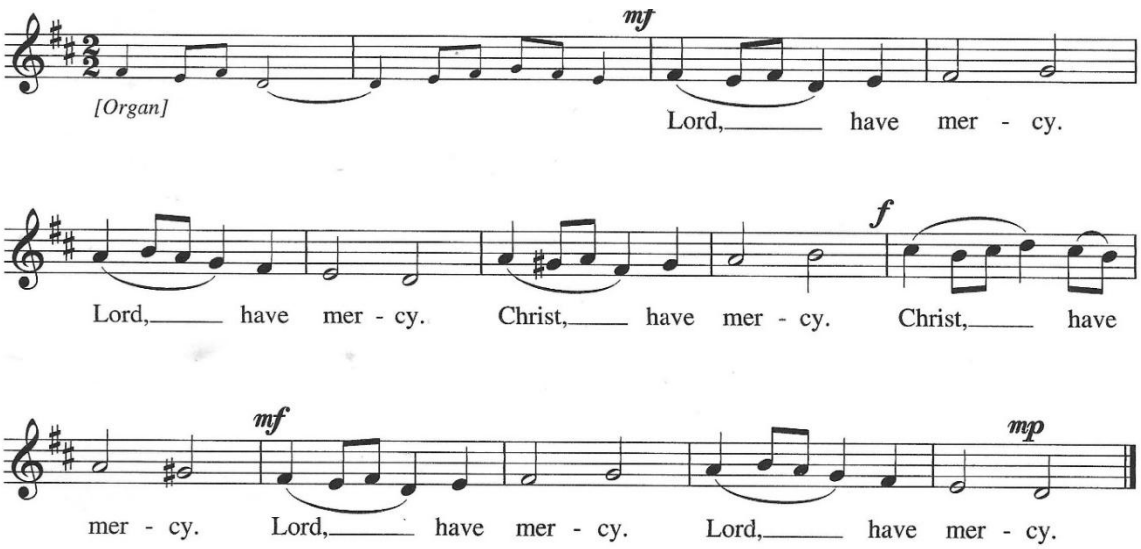
Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Penitence

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

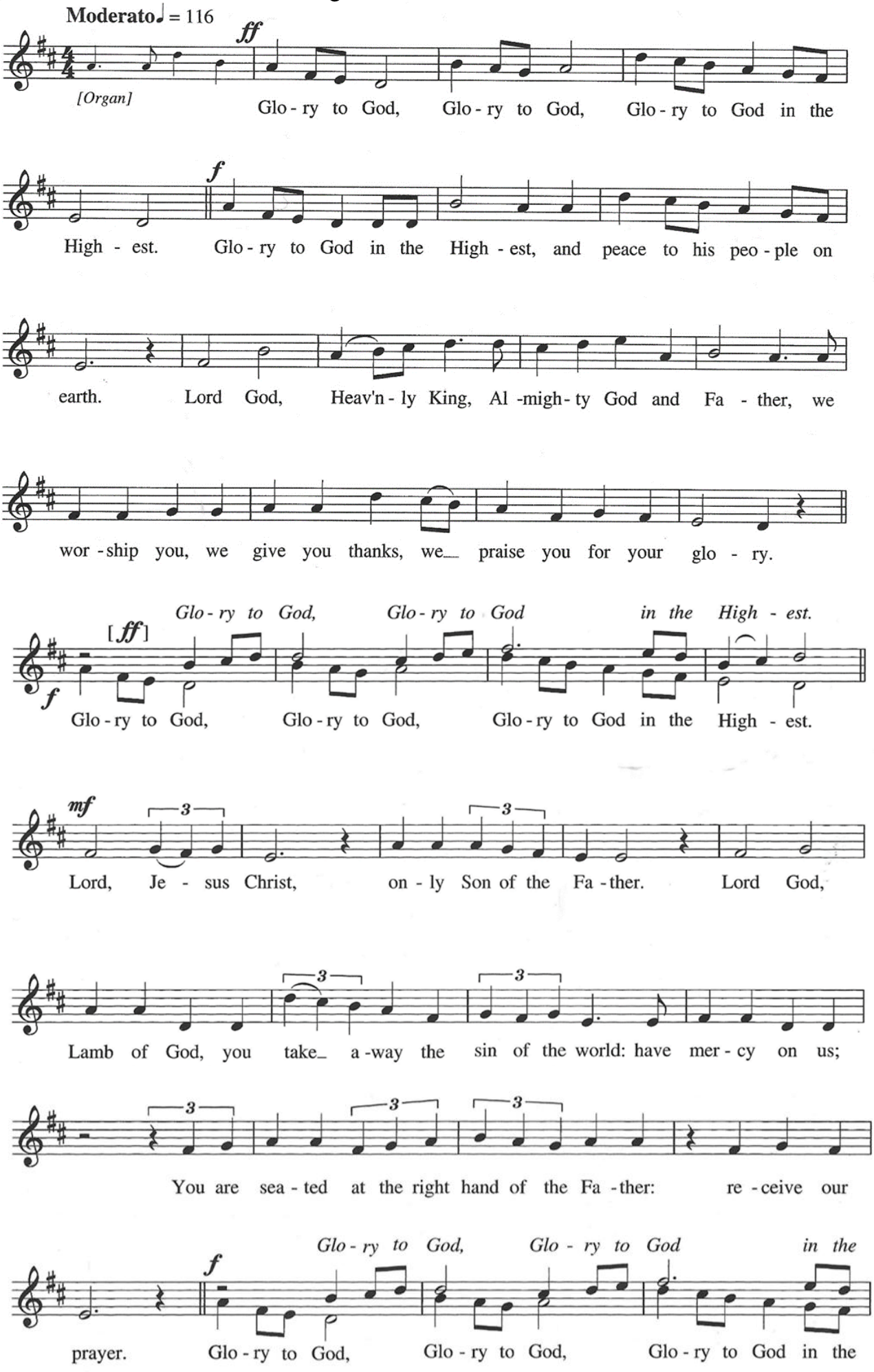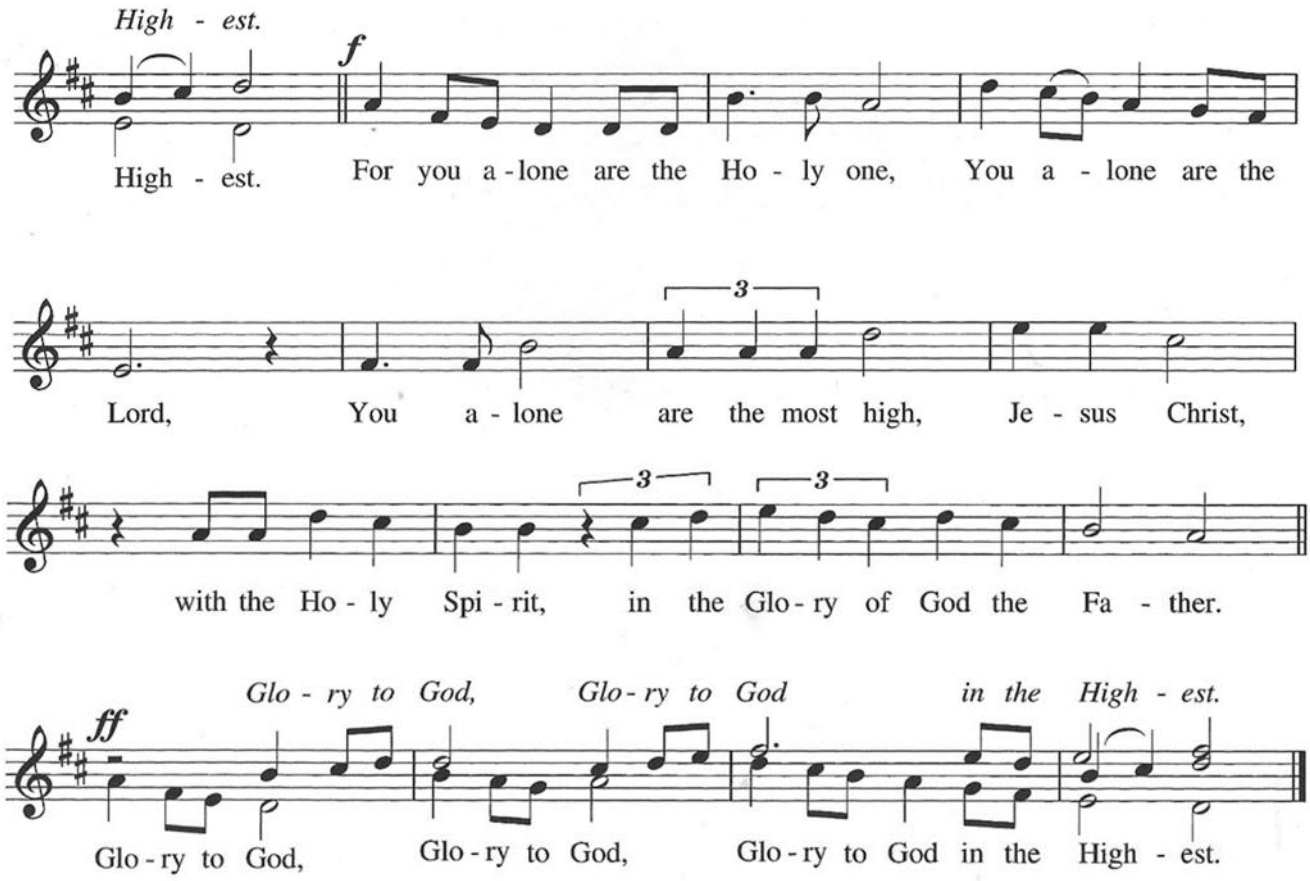


Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We stand to sing the Gloria

Gloria





The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

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

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

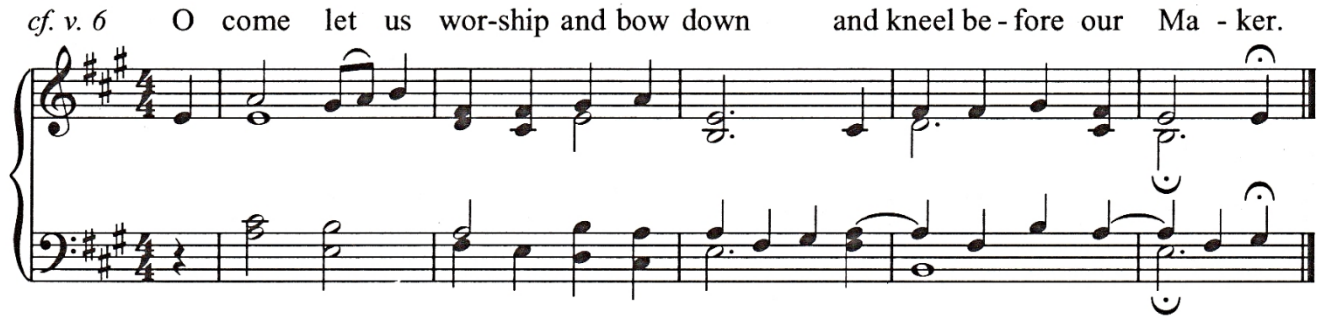
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

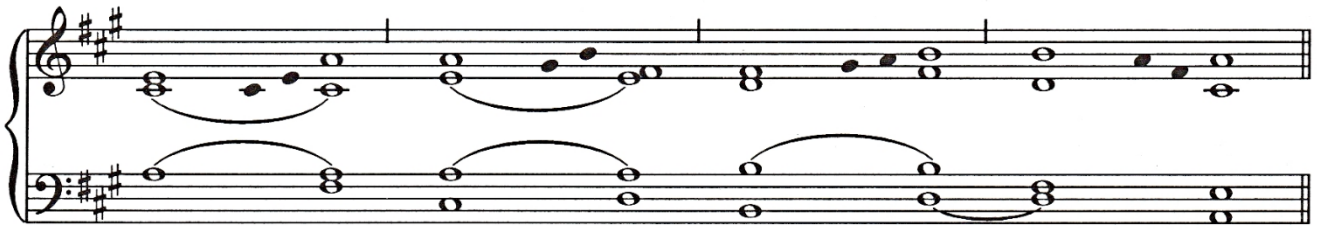
Psalm 95.1-7

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



Verse



1. [1] O come, let us sing | to the Lord;
   let us heartily rejoice in the rock of | our salvation.
   [2] Let us come into his presence | with thanksgiving
   and be glad in | him with psalms.

2. [3] For the Lord is a great God
   and a great king a | bove all gods.
   [4] In his hand are the depths of the earth
   and the heights of the mountains | are his also.
   [5] The sea is his, | for he made it,
   and his hands have moul | ded the dry land.

3. [6] Come, let us worship | and bow down
   and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.
   [7] For he | is our God;
   we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.31–end

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All **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!

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

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

Jesus said, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.
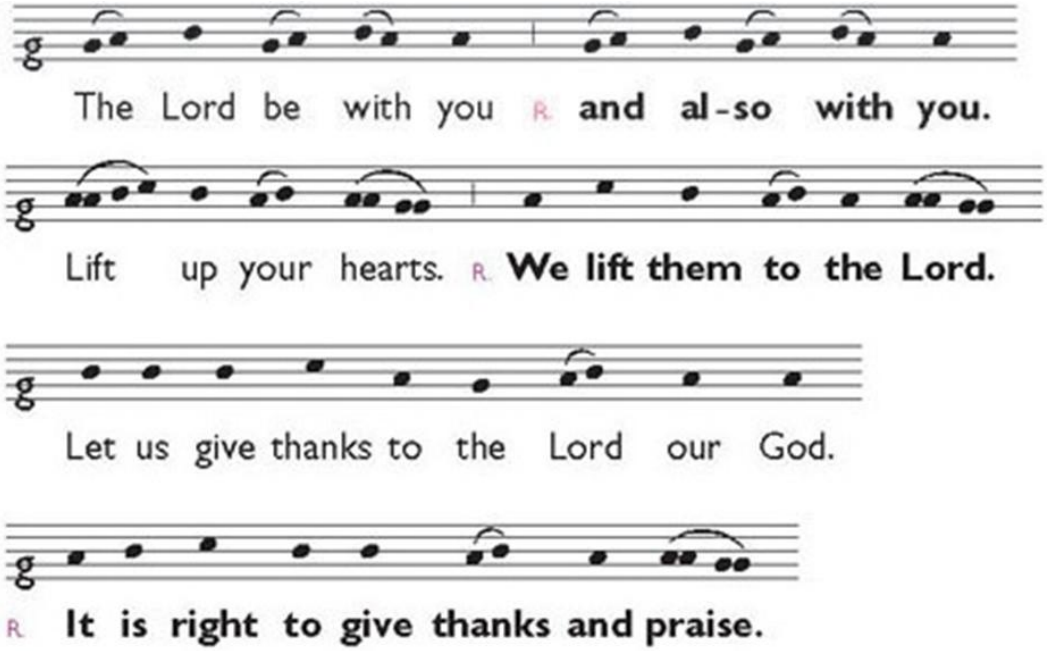
The following prayer of preparation is said

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

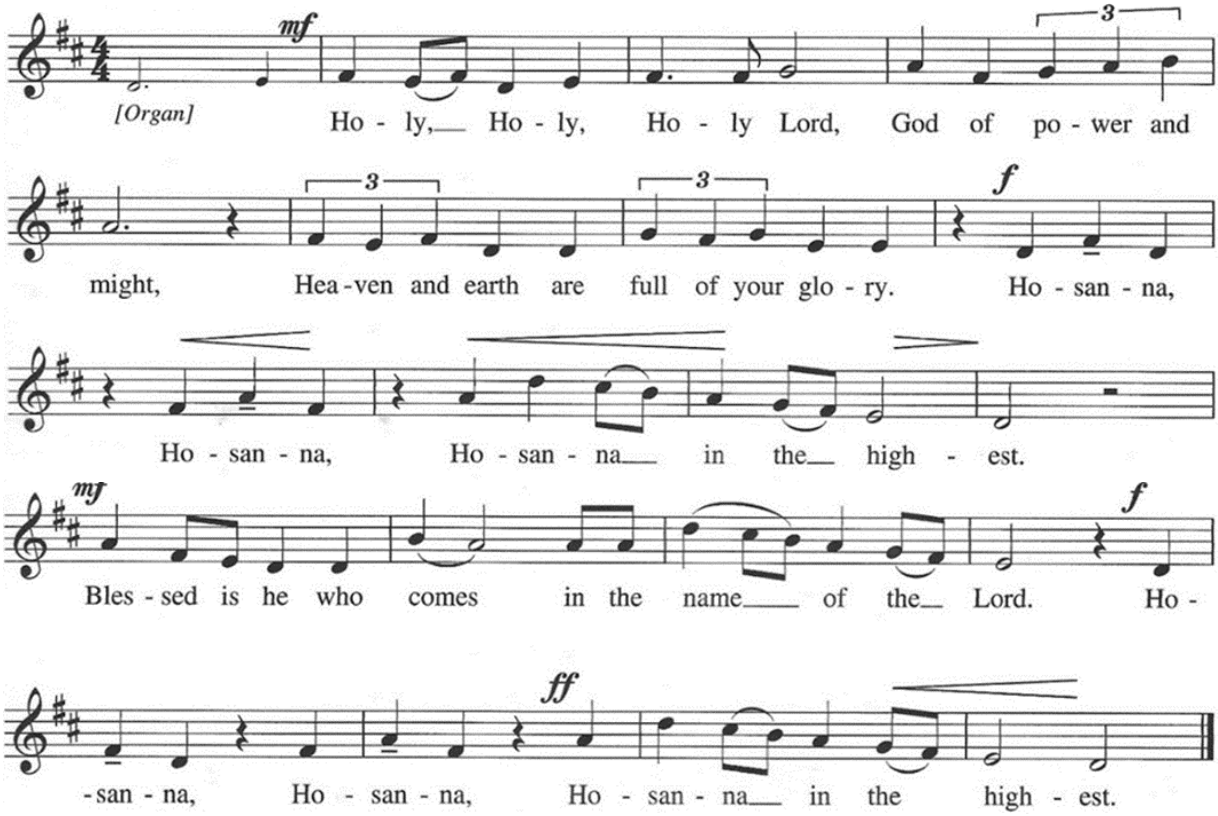
The president takes the bread and the wine

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:



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.

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.
Ipinagdarasal natin ang Panalangin ng Panginoon sa ating sariling wika.

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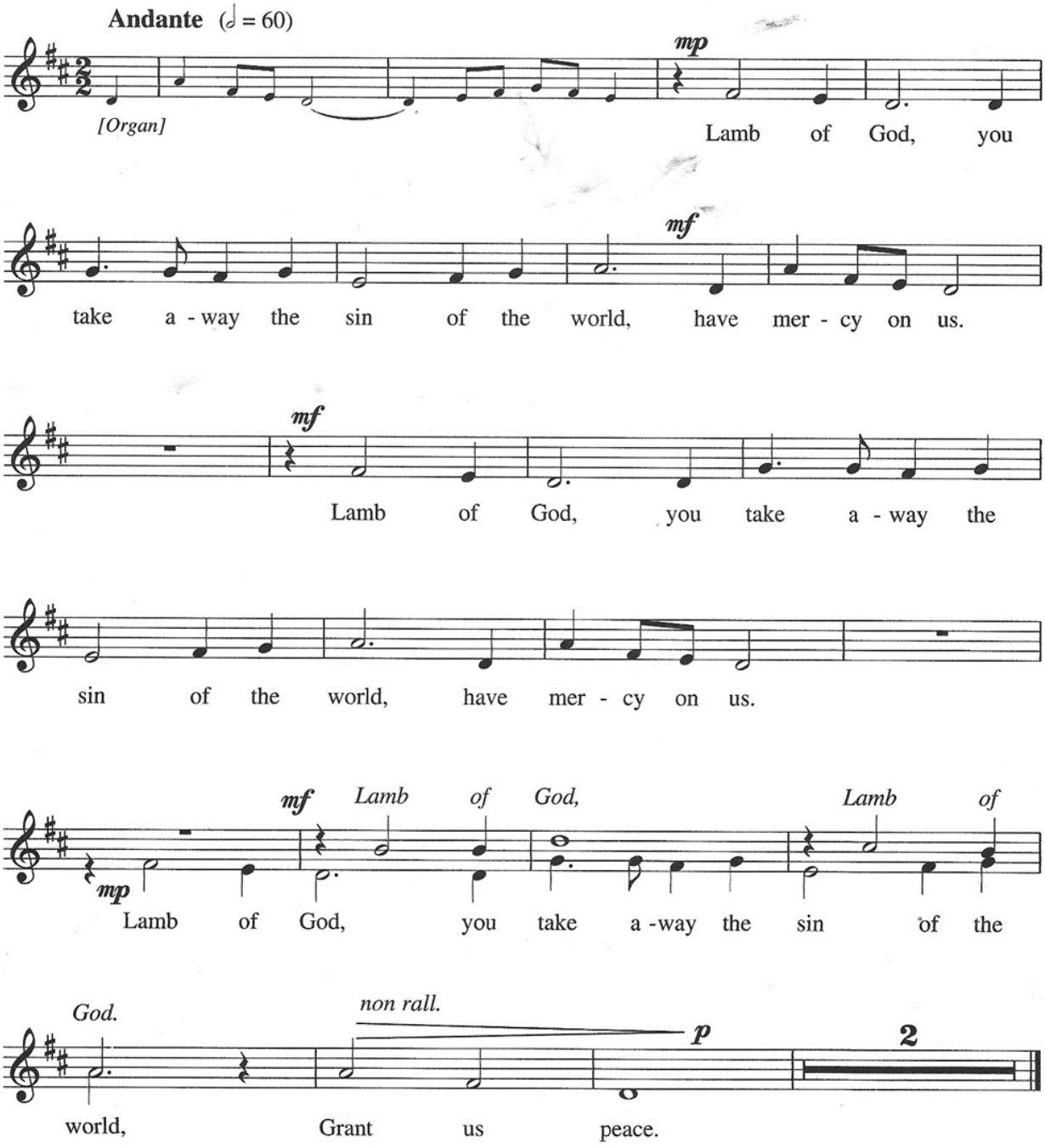
Breaking of the Bread

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.



Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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 (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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer
7.45 am Monday - Thursday

Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Monday - Thursday

Wednesday 25th November

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 26th November

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

Next Sunday 29th November

The First Sunday of Advent

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

11 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Darkness to Light : An Advent Carol Service

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