

**Town Church**  
**St Peter Port, Guernsey**



**Congregational Eucharist**  
*The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*  
*Sunday 7th August 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 patīks. 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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## *The Gathering*

*Please stand to sing the opening hymn.*

**Let us build a house  
where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ  
shall end divisions.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**Let us build a house  
where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ  
the feast that frees us.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house  
where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house  
where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim  
from floor to rafter.  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen

## The Greeting

*The president says*

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

*All*

*The president greets the people*  
The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Please sit or kneel*

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*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.**

*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.**

## **The Gloria**

*We stand to sing the Gloria*

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love God well.  
On the earth, let all God's people  
speak of Grace, and wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king.  
Hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God Almighty,  
Lamb who takes our sin away.  
Now with God in triumph seated,  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
In the glory of the Father  
with the spirit, three in One!**

*Tune: Ode to Joy*

## The Collect

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

Let us pray.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works  
of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever;  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15.1-6*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

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.  
*Chorus*

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.  
*Chorus*

Martin Nystrom (born 1956)

## New Testament Reading

*Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16*

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 12.13-21*

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader*

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.**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**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*

*All* Lord, hear us  
**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.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*The president introduces the peace*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

*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.*

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy pow'r;  
now fulfil thy church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;  
from the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces  
as we set your people free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we fail the world or thee.**

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*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.**

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
and by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

*All*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president takes the bread and the wine*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Creator God,  
from before the foundation of the world  
you shaped your own life to be in relationship,  
and in creation you extended that tender mercy,  
that all things might find their identity in being with you.

You animated the universe  
and you set the sky, the sea and the land in due order.  
You filled your whole earth with life and breath.  
You bestowed your image upon humankind  
and called us to reflect your glory.

In Christ you fulfilled your covenant purpose,  
embodying your constancy,  
renewing our destiny with you  
and becoming the Sabbath of your joy.  
His death was the judgement of your wayward world,  
yet his resurrection was the promise of your everlasting  
kingdom.

And so we gather at your table  
as angels and archangels gather around your throne,  
singing the song of thanks and praise.

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom for ever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blesséd, most blesséd, all blesséd is he  
whose life makes us whole  
and whose death sets us free;  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

*Tune - Slane*

*Please sit or kneel*

Restoring God, your creation never runs out  
and your mercy never fails.  
Make this banquet in your name a celebration of your abundance in offering and renewing love.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,  
that they may again be inspired by the breath of your life.  
Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body  
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke the bread and gave it to them, 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  
All*

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

In the beginning was your Word,  
and when all things began  
your Spirit hovered over the deep.  
Speak your Word today where the condition  
of your creation reflects how far your children have strayed  
from you.

Bring a climate of hope;  
Replenish the species of the earth in diversity and beauty;  
Breathe your Spirit of transformation on ice cap and desert, on  
mountain and plain;  
Teach your people the way of gentleness  
and the paths of peace.  
As you stretch out your hand of companionship  
to humankind in Christ,  
by your Holy Spirit heal its relationship  
with your hurting world.

Turn danger to discovery, scarcity to partnership  
and exploitation to cherishing;  
until your groaning creation finds its eager longing  
met in the harvest of your kingdom,  
and you are all in all, one God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*A short silence is kept before we pray the Lord's Prayer in our first language whichever that may be.*

*Nous récitons le Notre Père dans notre langue maternelle.*

*Mēs lūdzam Tēvreizi katrs savā dzimtajā valodā.*

*Wir beten das Vaterunser in unserer Muttersprache.*

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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

## 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

*We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.*

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts  
and take our sin away.**

**O Lamb of God, your grace impart  
and let us know you in our heart,  
have mercy, Lord we pray,  
have mercy, Lord we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,  
our longing souls release.  
Into our lives your Spirit pour  
and let us live for evermore  
in perfect heav'nly peace,  
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

*Tune: Repton*

## 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.  
**It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.**

*All*

*All those who wish to receive communion are welcome to receive communion here today. When you receive the bread, please keep it in your hand and if you would like to receive the wine also, move to the person administering the chalice and you will receive a drop of wine from the common cup onto the bread.*

*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 will be received standing.*

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit,  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine  
with the light of hope,  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be  
refreshed with the fullness of your life,  
glory to you forever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*All*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices are given*

## Final Hymn

All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
*Chorus*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:  
*Chorus*

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
the flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
*Chorus*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
*Chorus*

## The Blessing

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!**

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT THE TOWN CHURCH**

**Friday 12th August at 1.00pm**

*Instrumental Recital*

**Friday 19th August at 1.00pm**

*Three Organists' Concert*

Benjamin Childs, Archie Purdue and George Walker

**Friday 26th August at 6.30pm**

*Vivace String Quartet*

Sam Cole, George Walker, Joe Stoller and Archie Purdue

**Monday 29th August at 7.30pm**

*David le Page and the Town Church Strings*

**Monday September 19th at 6.30pm**

*Debbie Bideau, Marilyn Pugh and Helen Grand*

A vocal recital featuring songs by  
women composers

# NOTICES

## **Summer Fete – 13th August**

Please let Ruth know if you can help to organize and help on the day. There is a list in church on the table by the door, you still have time to add donations of cakes, raffle & tombola prizes.

## **Herm Picnic 14th August**

On the afternoon of Sunday 14th August we are planning a trip to Herm with a short service at St Tugal's followed by a picnic.  
Save the date in your diary!

## **Tea and Coffee After Service**

We need volunteers to help with tea and coffee before and after the 11am service. A copy of the rota with the slots that need to be covered will be in church. Without volunteers we run the risk of not being able to offer refreshments .

## **Duty Rota**

We have a new system for the duty rota. Please add your name next to the tasks that still have blanks next to them.

## **Morning and Evening Prayer**

There is no Morning or Evening Prayer whilst Peter is away. It will resume on 8th August.



## What's on this week

**Morning Prayer – in the Lady Chapel & online**  
8.15 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Evening Prayer - online**  
5.30 pm Monday – Friday

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
1.10 pm Come to the *Quiet Said Eucharist*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
12 pm – 3 pm Summer Fete – Church Square

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
Herm Picnic

**Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**8.00 am** Said Eucharist (BCP)  
**11.00 am** Sung Eucharist  
No Choral Evensong

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