



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26th October 2025

PROPER 25

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 (HON 564)

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme too high
doth seem for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this early race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heav'nly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing though the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Richard Baxter (1616-1691) and
John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)

The president says

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

All

Amen

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you.

All

and also with you.

Further words of welcome or introduction may be said

Prayer of Preparation

All

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

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

All

Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 In your mercy
 forgive what we have been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly,
 love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.

Kyrie

Please remain seated while we sing the Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three staves of music, all in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/2 time signature. It includes a bracketed instruction "[Organ]" under the first measure. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff, with a blank line under "Lord," and a blank line under "mer - cy." The dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the staff. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have" are written below the staff, with blank lines under "Lord," "Christ," and "Christ,". The dynamic marking *f* is placed above the staff. The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics "mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the staff, with blank lines under "Lord," and "Lord,". The dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the staff, and *mp* is placed above the final measure. The score ends with a double bar line.

[Organ]

mf

Lord,_____ have mer - cy.

f

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

mf

mp

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

The president says

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

All

Amen.

Gloria

We stand to sing the Gloria

Moderato ♩ = 116 **ff**

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

High - est. Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.

[ff] *Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.*

f *Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.*

mf

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

f *Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the*

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

High - est.

f *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.

ff *Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.*

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.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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

First Reading*Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17**A reading from Ecclesiasticus*

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Let us bless the Lord.

*All***Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84.1-7

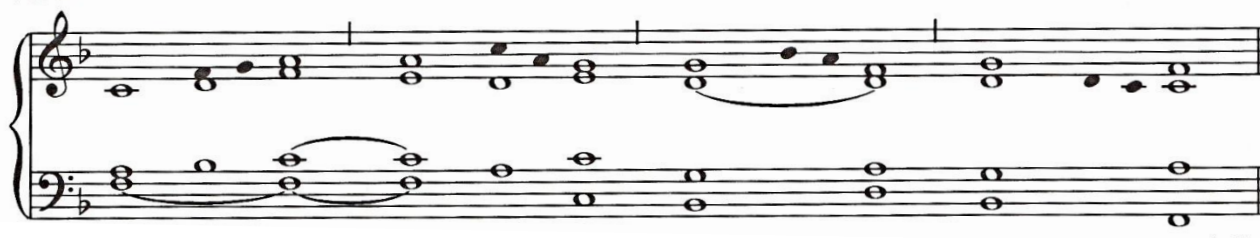
The response is sung first by the choir, then repeated by everyone. The choir sings the verses and all join in the response between each verse.

Response

v. 1 How love - ly is your dwel-ling place, O Lord of hosts.



Verse



1. ¹ How lovely | is your dwelling place,
O | Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts | of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.
2. ² The sparrow has found | her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young:
at your altars, O | Lord of hosts,
my King | and my God.
3. ³ Blessed are they who dwell | in your house:
they will al | ways be praising you.
⁴ Blessed are those whose strength | is in you,
in whose heart are the high | ways to Zion,
4. ⁵ Who going through the barren valley find | there is a spring,
and the early rains will clothe | it with blessing.
⁶ They will go from strength to strength
and appear before | God in Zion.
⁷ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O | God of Jacob.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18.9–14

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

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 Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

The Creed

Please stand when the president stands

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.
 Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. At the end of each bidding the following response is used

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end this ending is used.

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

All

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president introduces the peace

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they should be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the following hymn (NEH 77) 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 is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.**

**O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long
that glorious Name.**

**Here, gracious Lord, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh:
in copious shower
on all who pray,
each holy day
thy blessings pour.**

**Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.**

trans. John Chandler, 1837

The president receives the prayer cards which have been left in the church by visitors during the past week.

We come to you, loving God,
pilgrims on the road of faith.
In this sacred place, many have paused—
to seek, to grieve, to give thanks.
We gather their prayers now,
offered in silence and trust.
We bring our own needs too—
the weight we carry,
the hopes that guide our steps.

All

**As we offer bread and wine,
sustain us for the road ahead.
Lead us through wilderness and wonder,
and let the grace of this sacrament
be our nourishment for the journey
Amen.**

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

All

Blessed be God for ever.

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

All

Blessed be God for ever.

The president takes the bread and the wine

The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you
 in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
 as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
 he lived on earth and went about among us;
 he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
 he put an end to death by dying for us;
 and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
 so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and singing:

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

Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

All

Great is the mystery of faith;

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice
 made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
 As we offer you this our sacrifice
 of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Saint Peter the Apostle and all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Nous récitons le Notre Père dans notre langue maternelle.

Mēs lūdzam Tēvreizi katrs savā dzimtajā valodā.

Wir beten das Vaterunser in unserer Muttersprache.

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

All

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

Notre Père....

Vater Unser....

Mūsu Tēvs

Padre Nuestro....

Pai Nosso....

Onze Vader....

Ein Tad....

Ojcze Nasz....

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All

**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

Andante (♩ = 60)

[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you

mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mf Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mp Lamb of God, *mf* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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

'Panis Angelicus.' *Franck*

Prayer after Communion

Please sit or kneel

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

All

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

Notices may be given

The Dismissal

Final Hymn (HON 169)

**God is love: his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere.
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him!**

Chorus ***Sing aloud, loud, loud!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!***

**None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
seek him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation. *Chorus***

**Jesus lived on the earth,
life and hope brought to birth
and affirmed human worth,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us. *Chorus***

**To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king.
Coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty. *Chorus***

Percy Dearmer (1867 – 1936) alt.

The Blessing

The president says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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

Fugue in G minor J.S. Bach BWV 578

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

Wednesday 29th October

10 am – 12 pm Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 30th October

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet

Said Eucharist with reflective music.

Next Sunday 2nd November

All Saints Sunday

8 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

11 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Choral Evensong for All Souls

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