



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist
The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 11th April 2021

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

President: The Revd Peter Graysmith
Preacher The Revd Matthew Barrett
Deacon: The Revd Jill Mabire

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¶ *The Gathering*

Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (26)

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

Deacon Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

All In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

All In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

All In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Please remain seated while we sing

Kyrie

[Organ] *mf* Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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

mer - cy. *mf* Lord, _____ have mer - cy. *mp* 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.

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

[ff]

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

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

f

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

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
 you have given your only Son
 to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
 grant us so to put away the leaven
 of malice and wickedness
 that we may always serve you
 in pureness of living and truth;
 through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Andrew Moore

Response

cf. v. 5 The Lord's bles-sing is life for e - ver.

Verse

- 1 1 Behold how good and plea | sant it is
to dwell toge | ther in unity.
- 2 2 It is like the precious oil u | pon the head,
running down u | pon the beard,
- 3 3 Even on | Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar | of his clothing.
- 4 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the | hills of Zion.
- 5 5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for | evermore.

Second Reading

I John 1.1 - 2.2

A reading from the first letter of John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-31

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

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

I am the first and the last says the Lord and the living one. I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

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

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Revd Matthew Barrett

The Creed

Please stand when the president stands

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end this ending is used.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

The president introduces the peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, "Peace be with you"
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn (563)

*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.*

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**

**For Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domain
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.**

Alleluia. Amen.

Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028),
John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

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.

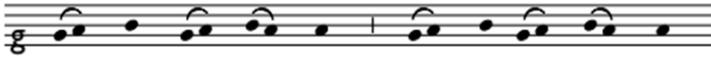
Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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.**

It is indeed right,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in all people the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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

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

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -

- san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith

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

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

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Saint Peter 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.

<i>All</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven	<i>Notre Père....</i>
	hallowed be thy name;	<i>Vater Unser....</i>
	thy kingdom come;	<i>Mūsu Tēvs</i>
	thy will be done;	<i>Padre Nuestro....</i>
	on earth as it is in heaven.	<i>Pai Nosso....</i>
	Give us this day our daily bread.	<i>Onze Vader....</i>
	And forgive us our trespasses,	<i>Ein Tad....</i>
	as we forgive those	<i>Ojczy Nasz....</i>
	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.		

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.

[Organ] Lamb of God, you

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world, Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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:

Be thou my vision - Chilcott

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

All **Faithful God,**
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit
to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices are given

Final Hymn (228)

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem
I had my birth.

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe
And the pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John -
They came with me
And the Dance went on.
*Chorus***

**I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame;
The holy people
Said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high,
And they left me there
On a Cross to die.**

**I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back.
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance,
And I still go on.**

Chorus

**They cut me down
And I leapt up high;
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said he.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

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!**

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in C - BWV 545. JS Bach

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

NOTICES

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter Services so special. The Church looked so wonderful and it was amazing to be able to welcome so many people to worship with us.

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church meeting takes place next Sunday at 12.15pm immediately after the 11 am service. Please come and join us for the meeting so that we can share in the life of the church together. We will also be electing 3 deanery Synod representatives at the meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.

Bring and share lunch.

After the meeting there will be a bring and share lunch. Please join us for this and bring food to add to the buffet.

A message from Joan Mason

Thank you to my Town Church family, who have been alongside me through the past year of lockdowns, sharing Daily Prayer and Sunday Worship, by Zoom. I have made some good friends in this way, and hope to meet you in person before very much longer. God bless you all.
Sent from Charmé, Charente, France

What's on this week

Morning Prayer (in church and online)

8.15 am Monday - Saturday

Evening Prayer (online)

5.30 pm Monday - Saturday

Wednesday 14th April

10 am - 12 noon Wednesday Welcome

7.30 pm St. Peter Port Ratepayers meeting - Les Cotils

Thursday 15th April

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet - *Said Eucharist*

Next Sunday 18th April

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

The Revd Peter Graysmith

11 am Sung Eucharist

President The Revd Matthew Barrett

Preacher The Revd Peter Graysmith

12.15 pm Annual Church Meeting

Followed by bring and share lunch in the church

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Matthew Barrett

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