



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Sung Eucharist
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 19th September 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 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.



For Those with Hearing Difficulties

If you are wearing a hearing aid you will find that you hear the service better if you turn your hearing aid to the "T" position.



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

President & Preacher: The Revd Matthew Barrett
Deacon: The Revd Jill Mabire

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¶ The Gathering

Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (393)

**O worship the King,
all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
his power and his love;
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
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 thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store
of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power
hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.**

**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,
the humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall sing to thy praise.**

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

The Greeting

The president says

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

All

Amen.

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

Deacon

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

All

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says

Please remain seated while we sing

Kyrie



[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.

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

All

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. *f* 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.

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.

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.

God, the giver of life,
 whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
 by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
 and make us eager to do your will,
 that we may share with the whole creation
 the joys of eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11.18-20

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Colin Mawby

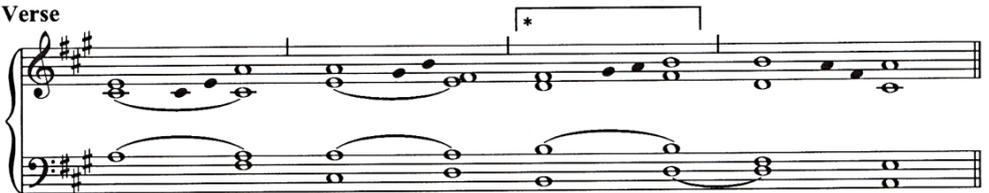
Response

cf. v. 6 I will praise your name, for it is gra-cious.



Musical notation for the Response section, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef.

Verse



Musical notation for the Verse section, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. An asterisk is placed above the fifth measure of the treble staff.

* Omit in verse 2

A.R.

- 1 7 Save me, O God, | by your name
and vindicate me | by your power.
- 2 8 Hear my | prayer, O God;
give heed to the words | of my mouth.
- 3 9 For strangers have risen | up against me,
and the ruthless seek af | ter my life;
they have not set | God before them.
- 4 10 Behold, God | is my helper;
it is the Lord who up | holds my life.
- 5 11 May evil rebound on those who | lie in wait for me;
destroy them | in your faithfulness.
- 6 12 An offering of a free heart | will I give you
and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is gracious.
- 7 13 For he has delivered me out of | all my trouble,
and my eye has seen the downfall | of my enemies.

New Testament Reading

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

A reading from the letter of James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 9.30-37

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

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

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you

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 Mark

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

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 (242)

*During the following hymn a collection is taken,
the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith
(1824-1908)

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.

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.**

God of wisdom and truth,
it is right to give you thanks and praise,
because you place your life in our hands,
that we may share it and enjoy it.

In your son Jesus you set a little child among us
and embodied your promises to your chosen people.
In his betrayal and crucifixion we see the cost of your
entrusting your very self to us;
and the still-scarred hands of his resurrection
reveal how deep and irresistible is your love.
In his ascension on high we rejoice to see him
raised up to glory and seated at your right hand.

And so we join with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your eternal glory.

[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

Wisdom from above, despite all we have done to you,
 still in this holy meal when we stretch out our hands
 you fill them with your life and love.
 Send your Spirit upon your people,
 that hands which have received such precious things
 may be made holy in faith and service.

By that same Spirit, sanctify this breads and this cup
 that they may be for us the body and blood of our
 Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, at the supper with his disciples, took bread,
 gave you thanks, 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.'

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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.**

Ever bountiful God, listen to the hunger of your children
and nourish their true life in you.
Open our hearts to the poor
and stretch out our hands to the needy.
Open our mouths with gentleness born of wisdom
and put the teaching of kindness on our tongues.
Give us a share in the fruit of your hands,
that all the world may praise the wonders of your grace.

Give your church the trust and confidence
to be last of all and servant of all;
until that day when you welcome the last to be the first
and draw your children with all creation near to your heart,
making all things new, ever one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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>Ojcze 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] *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

Come, not because you are strong,
but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness
of your own gives you any right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little,
and would like to love him more.
Come, not because I invite you,
But because he invites you.
Come.

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:

Gjeilo - Ubi Caritas

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries
open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

(tune Londonderry Air 226)

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.**

June Boyce-Tillman (b.1943)

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Deacon

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Mendelssohn Sonata in A

NOTICES

Project Appeals

Grand Piano

We have been fortunate to obtain an exceptional Bechstein Grand Piano for the church, to enable us to host piano recitals as part of our concert series.

As well as buying the piano it also will need to be suitably covered, a new stool purchased and an A frame fitted so that it can be wheeled easily around the church. We need to raise in the region of £5,000 for this and we hope that you may wish to donate specifically for the PIANO FUND.

New Chairs

In order to create a more flexible space in the South Transept it is proposed that we replace the folding chairs (currently stored on large racks in the South Transept) with lighter, more comfortable, stacking wire framed, wooden chairs (similar to those now found in most English Cathedrals) These chairs can be stacked in 45's and therefore take up a lot less space. We will obtaining samples for you to view of the chairs before any final decisions are made. We will need to raise considerable funds for the chairs. (The chairs are approx. £150 each) We hope that you may wish to donate specifically for the CHAIR FUND.

To make donations to the above funds please use the normal methods and mark clearly for which fund you are donating. Thank you for your support.

NOTICES

Tax Reclaim forms - Many forms still outstanding

If you have not yet filled in a tax reclaim form for your donations in 2020 please do so. The forms are available by the door. The church is able to reclaim 25% of donations made by Guernsey tax payers. All we require is you to fill in the form. This represents a significant amount of our annual income.

Harvest Festival weekend

Saturday 2nd October

7 pm St. John's Harvest supper
and Auction of Promises
St. John's Church Hall.

Tickets £10

For tickets or to offer a promise

Email: stjohnschurchgsy@gmail.com

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Sunday 3rd October

9.30 am All Age Harvest worship at St. John's

11 am Town Church Harvest Festival Eucharist

12.30 pm Bring and share lunch in the Town Church

What's on this week

Morning Prayer (in church and online)

8.15 am Monday - Friday

Evening Prayer (online)

5.30 pm Monday - Friday

Wednesday 22nd September

10 am - 12 noon Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 23rd September

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet

Next Sunday 26th September

17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

The Revd Peter Graysmith

11 am Choral Eucharist

The Revd Peter Graysmith

Preacher: The Revd Matthew Barrett

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

The Revd Matthew Barrett



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