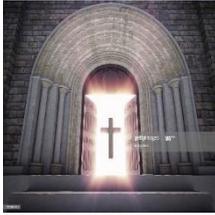


Parish Church of St Peter, Jersey



**Mass for Plough Sunday
together with the Newsletter, Issue 93
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At 0800 and 1030**

NOTES ABOUT THE SERVICES



1. The church will be ventilated to reduce cross infection.

2. Use the sanitizer on entering the church which you will find near the door. You are to leave by the other door and to use the sanitizer at that door before leaving.



3. Upon arrival, your names will be ticked off on the **pre-prepared list** which will have been drawn up.

4. In Church only sit in a pew which has a green tick.

Please **take this Booklet away with you**: it must not be used at the next service, as they are designed to be used only once, to reduce cross infection. Everything you need for the service will be in that booklet.



5. At 0800 there are no hymns. At 1030 there will be.



6. When the service starts, please follow it in the 'one-use booklet'. **At the peace, please wave, do not shake hands or hug!**

7. When it comes to receiving communion, this will be in one kind only, namely the bread, to reduce infection.



8. The **Lectern side will come up first**, row by row, via the central aisle. The priest will stand on the **Chancel Step**: please put your hands out towards the priest and he will place the bread in your hands without touching them.

After receiving it into your hands, turn sideways towards the side aisles to put the bread in your mouth and walk back to your seat *via those side aisles, not up the central aisle*. Again, this is to reduce cross infection.

9. At the end of the service please **leave by the North Door ONLY**.



10. The collection plate will be near the door: please put your collection onto the plate **or use the new easy to use Contactless Payment Machine, which reduces cross infection**. Sanitize before and after use. Please give generously, as a sign of your love for God.

11. It would be appreciated if you would talk to your friends **outside** after the service not inside, so that there is no congestion inside as people are leaving, which could lead to people unwittingly infecting others.



12. Though all of this might seem onerous, nevertheless if it is all observed then the services will not only be enjoyable, but also **be safe!**

+ The Order for Mass

When the vestry bell rings please all stand, as the hymn is announced.

Opening Hymn: 555 - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.**
2. **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**
3. **Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.**
4. **Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**
5. **Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with His mercy surrounding.**
6. **Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

The Priest announces the Intention of this Mass and then says:

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Priest:

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; 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**

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, 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 Priest pronounces The Absolution:

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**

Gloria in Excelsis:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect for Plough Sunday:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: for in your abundant care you have given us fertile land, rich soil, the seasons in their courses. You provide seed for sowing, water, light and warmth: to bring forth the miracle of growth. You give us skill to work the land, to prepare and nourish it, that it may be fruitful. Prosper the work of our hands, and provide abundant crops for your people to share, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

Isaiah 55.6-11

“Seek the Lord while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and return not thither but water the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. *(pause)*
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The carol ‘A spotless rose’ (Herbert Howells) is now played on the cello and violin by David and Emma Davies, respectively, combining the two themes for today, of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ and our reliance on God’s love for all things. Christ is the Spotless Rose ‘springing’ from the ‘sweet root’ of Mary, ‘unfolding’ for all to see, on a ‘cold winter’s night’. The words are here printed to aid you in meditation on these themes during the music.

A Spotless Rose is blowing,
 Sprung from a tender root,
 Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
 Of Jesse promised fruit;
 Its fairest bud unfolds to light
 Amid the cold, cold winter,
 And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
 Whereof Isaiah said,
 Is from its sweet root springing
 In Mary, purest Maid;

For through God's great love and might
 The Blessed Babe she bare us
 In a cold, cold winter's night '
 Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6:24-34

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day. *(pause)* This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

[At the 0800 Mass only, here follows The Intercessions

These are not printed out, so enjoy listening to the prayers for loved ones and make these prayers your own to God. The prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of Blessed Mary and all the Saints, as we say: Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
 our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen]**

At 1030 after the Sermon, the Mass continues as follows:

During the hymn, the priest turns in the Chancel to face the people, with his back to the Altar, on one side of the plough, whilst M Le Connetable, representing the People of the Parish, stands on the other side of the plough from the priest, (flanked on either side by Churchwardens and Almoners) facing the Altar.

Gradual Hymn: 447 - Morning has broken

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.**

**Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.**

The Priest introduces this part of the service with these words:

Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ, on this day we come together to offer our accustomed worship to our Heavenly Father through this ceremony, to thank Him for all His love, and especially to ask Him in this traditional way, to bless a new year of work on the land, reminding us of our total dependence upon Him: may all this be done to His praise and glory.

Churchwarden(s): The plough is the symbol of work on the land.

Almoner(s): May the Lord preserve our going out and coming in.

M Le Connetable: Reverend Father, at the beginning of this new farming year, we ask you invoke God's blessing on all the work done on the land in this Parish of St Peter, of which the plough is a sign and symbol.

Rector of St Peter: This will I gladly do, with hearty prayer to Almighty God for His favour and goodness towards us.....

God speed the plough: the plough and the ploughman, the farm and the farmer, machine and beast and man. God speed the plough: in fair weather and foul, in success and disappointment, in rain and wind, in frost and sunshine, God speed the plough!

All shout loudly: God speed the plough!

The plough is now blessed by the Priest with Holy Water and prayer:

May the Archangel Gabriel and all the Angels watch over those who work the land; May St Peter our patron and all the Saints, continue in their prayers for us in this parish; And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon this plough and all it represents and upon all who plough and work the fields, that the people of this parish and island may be satisfied with food, from you our loving Father, through Jesus your Son, made manifest as the Christ in this season of Epiphany.

All shout loudly: AMEN!

The Peace is then exchanged in the following way:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: ***And also with you***

(then, when the priest asks you to do so, give each other a wave and a smile)

Hymn after the Peace: 705 - We plow the fields, and scatter

**We plow the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.***

**He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

Refrain:

**We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,**

the seed time and the harvest,
 our life, our health, and food;
 no gifts have we to offer,
 for all thy love imparts,
 and, what thou most desirest,
 our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain:*

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you
And also with you
 Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The priest then says the Proper preface, at the climax of which, all join in by saying (at 0800) or singing (at 1030):

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest**

*The priest begins the **Prayer of Consecration**, in the middle of which he says:*

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

*The priest then completes the prayer, at the end of which all say: **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer:

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.**

The Fraction:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread

The Sanctus:

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The call to Holy Communion:

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

+All receive Communion at the Chancel Step in one kind only.

Post Communion Carol: 536 - O worship the king

**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 splendor,
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might!
O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.**

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.

Thy bountiful care,
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air;
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender!
How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
while angels delight
to worship thee above,
the humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration
shall all sing thy praise.

Post Communion Collect:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your love made manifest in Jesus the Christ your Son, witnessed in and by this sacred meal: may we love you all our days, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

'Thank-you prayer' after receiving Communion:

Almighty God, **we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing:

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of his Holy Church and all peoples; and the blessing**Amen**

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Music ends the service-----

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