



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet

1st Sunday after Trinity

14th June 2020

We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Our first reading today is from the book of Exodus. In Exodus 19, the children of Israel arrive at the beginning place, Mount Sinai. Their arrival marks the fulfillment of the promise God made to Moses at the burning bush: "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain" (Exodus 3:12). The promise has come full circle, and, yet, the true journey is just beginning: the covenant relationship between Israel and God.

Exodus 19:2-8a

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Our Second reading

This week we hear from the letter to the Romans. We often talk of hope as wishful thinking: "I hope it won't rain"; but Paul's concept of hope in Romans is different. He introduces "hope" in the story of Abraham's faith (Romans 4:18), and develops the concept in chapter 5. For Paul, hope isn't wishful thinking, but absolute certainty about the future because it is grounded in God's faithfulness to keep his promises. That is, what God will do for the believer in Christ is grounded on what God has done for the believer in Christ. In Romans 5:1-8 Paul explains the benefits of his gospel (see 1:16-17) for those who are justified by faith and stand in a new relationship to God.

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading is Matthew 9:35-10:8 . *The parallel pattern of behaviour between Jesus and his apostles is nowhere more striking than in Matthew's Gospel. In this passage the narration zooms in, first on Jesus himself (9:35-36), then on the disciples in general (9:37-38), then the twelve apostles by name and vocation (10:1-8). With the movement from Jesus' own ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing (9:35) to that of his followers we might expect a thick line to be drawn between him and his "apostles" (the only occurrence of this word in Matthew). There is only one Jesus, after all, and even his closest followers are but a pale reflection. And yet the passage ends where it begins, but this time with these assorted apostles now entrusted with Jesus' work of proclamation (10:7) and healing (10:8). The litany of powers designating the apostles in 10:8 could double for Jesus' own resume: "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." Jesus not only sends them out with power to authenticate the kingdom's nearness but to announce it by using the very same words as their teacher.*

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

After you have read today’s readings you may like to spend some time discussing with those whom you live. If like me you are living alone, you may want to ‘phone a friend’ and talk them over! There is also a Homily available on the website, and most services on public media will be following the same texts.

Intercessions

We come with our prayers for all the world, for our community and for those who are on our hearts at this time..

Holy God, you call us to have faith;
Faith that gives us strength to share the message of your love.
We pray for your Church, that it might hope in your love
and share your healing throughout the world.
We prayer especially for Bishop’s Sarah and Pete
and all who offer leadership in these challenging times

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

God, who pours love into our hearts,
who challenges us to see justice and grace.
We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments especially those struggling with injustice and
conflict; and all who are working to overcome the Pandemic.
We remember all who face discrimination and exclusion each day,
may we truly see each other as made in your image.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

God who sends us out into the world
to share your love and mercy.
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,

for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.
We pray for our schools and nurseries,
for all who are returning to work and for our care for one another.
And on this anniversary of the Grenfell tower fire, we pray for that community,
for all who continue to grieve, and for those still seeking justice.
Breathe on all the breath of life
and bring them your mercy and grace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy God who sent out the apostles to heal the sick,
that your kingdom might be near.
We pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you Ray,
Pam, Alvrina, Neiletta, Yinka, Kyron, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, Richard,
Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth.
We pray for all who are in need of your love and grace.
Breathe on them the breath of life and bring us before you.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God of Heaven and Earth
We give thanks for your eternal promise as we pray for all who have died including ,
Marguerite Lewis and those whose anniversaries fall at this time including Fred Galer
and George Wilmont. Bring us all to the promise of your eternal love and peace

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

Creator and Redeemer, in this time of stillness we bring our own prayers before
you...

Merciful God,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

While there is no Eucharist at present, the post communion prayer sums up many of
the themes in the readings of the day.

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

The Rev'd Natasha Woodward is making plans to join us as Interim Minister at Christ Church. We are now working towards a date of the 2nd September for her licensing. Please save the date!

Mother Christine is on retreat for most of this coming week. If during the week you have a pastoral need you can ask one of the Wardens who can contact Mo C in an emergency. Please pray for her as she prays for us.

Guidance of re-opening

As you know, the Government has announced that from the 15th June Churches can open for 'private prayer'. For us this is not creating anything new, at least during the week. Rather this is about opening for prayer in ways that we have in the past. For Christ Church this means primarily the Prayer Chapel on Willesden Lane, or when Church was open. For St Anne's Chapel was open when staff were in during the week.

We are still trying to work through what this means for each of our parishes. Mo Christine is on retreat this coming week, we also need to ensure buildings are appropriately cleaned but we hope to be open spaces around the 21st June. We are still waiting for guidance and clarity about what needs to be in place. The Bishops are working hard on this and are in turn are waiting for advice from the Government.

The main issue for public buildings like churches is that many people from different places come—so we are mixing lots of households in a confined space. The thing which is one of our greatest gifts in this context becomes one of the biggest challenges.

It is also still anticipated that churches may be able to open for small services (without singing) from the 5th July. It also looks like we can open for funerals in the coming weeks as well. However this is all this to be clarified or confirmed.

Prayer windows

We are creating a prayer window at St Anne's facing the street. You are invited to contribute a prayer which might be displayed to show that the church is still at work. Hand written prayers of postcard size would be great. Feel free to decorate if you would like, or cut into a shape. Some are already in the shape of candles and flowers. Prayers can be left through letter box of the church or vicarage and we will attach to windows. If you would rather, you can email you prayer requests to Mo C, and she will ensure they make it to the window.

Thank you for making a difference!



A huge thank you to all who have contributed to the life of our parish, especially in these strange times. So much of what has been contributed has been completed without others knowing, but please know that everything you have done has been appreciated. From our secret gardeners and spring cleaners; to our delivery drivers and food collectors; from our 'phone a friend' callers; to all who have prayed for others. For those who have made food, shared flowers, encouraged another—a huge Thank you!!

Congregational Giving

It might be strange to talk about giving at a time when the church building is physically closed, but like all organisations and families the financial commitments of the church continue. Thank you to all who give by Standing Order, some others may like to consider electronic payments while we are unable to meet in church. If you need details please let us know and we can forward them to you. For those who have envelopes, you may like to put them through Vicarage door and she will pass them to Treasurer. Please do not put money through church door.

Daily Hope 24hour phonenumber

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Practical Help

Sufra are providing hot meals to people in need and they are being delivered. They are looking for volunteers, particularly drivers. More details available on their website <https://www.sufra-nwlondon.org.uk/>

Brent Council are also still looking for volunteers to help delivering or phoning vulnerable people. See www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/coronavirus/volunteering/. Alternatively, call 020 3011 1690.

Gift to your neighbour Foodhub, contact via Salusbury World www.salusburyworld.org.uk

Also if you need food, Brent is providing food parcels for anyone who lives in the borough, including the young, elderly, or vulnerable. Phone: 07947 743193.

Keeping in Touch

Phone calls and Texts—with all the modern things, sometimes a voice is best! Please do phone, and I will do the same Mo C—020 7624 5306

Regular emails—There will be weekly emails, and some updates as they come in

Website—we are using the prayer page on St Anne's website to put regular meditations and prayers. See <http://st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/praying-together/>

Facebook—Mo C has a facebook page, which is also linked to St Anne's. I am going to live stream a *thought for the day* each Sunday. If you click on the facebook icon on the St Anne's website you will go straight to it.

For our prayers The NHS and all who are working in essential services; for those who are struggling with being isolated; for all who are volunteers; for those parts of the world where war and famine were already an issue; for our friends, neighbours and congregation **and for:** Pam, Alvrina, Neiletta, Yinka, Kyron, Matt, Rute,



Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda, Richard, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth and for those who have died recently including Marguerite Lewis and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Fred Galer and George Wilmont

Services this coming week starting 14th June

There will be no Zoom Service this week as Mo C is on retreat.

There are lots of options for online Morning and Evening Prayer either use the links on the <http://st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/praying-together/> or if you go to Youtube and type in Morning or Evening Prayer—it will bring up lots of options!

Sunday 21st June — Trinity 2 Sunday

10am Facebook *thought for the day*

10.30am—Zoom Service of the Day followed by Chat.