



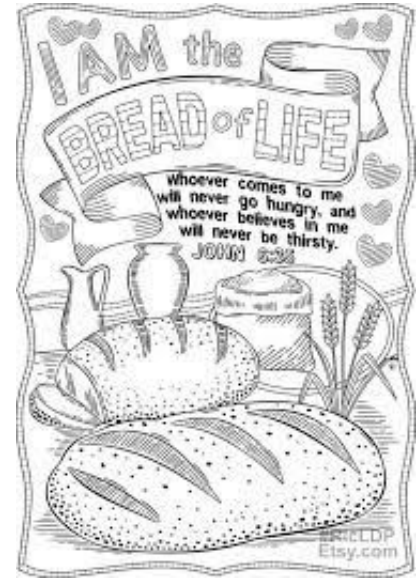
St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Readings and Notice Sheet **9th Sunday after Trinity** **1st August 2021**

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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. Amen.



Old Testament reading—

The large narrative arc of Exodus through Judges describes the liberation of the Hebrews from Egypt to settlement in Canaan. During this itinerary certain narratives recount the ways the Hebrews shared complaints with Moses and his God. Two large concerns dominate these narratives: food (Exodus 16:1-35; Numbers 11:4-34; 21:4-9; 11:1-3) and spring/water (Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13). Sometimes these stories include other elements. However, nothing that would draw attention away from the theme of the dependence on God occurs in Exodus 16. The providence of God characterizes God's guidance of the Hebrews in the wilderness.

A reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites,

‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Not only does this text mark the halfway point of this epistle, it introduces the focus of the second half of the letter. Ephesians 1-3 stands as a celebratory reminder to the letter’s audience of their new, shared identity in and through Jesus Christ. Formerly, the audience had been Gentile aliens, therefore, they had not been members of God’s chosen, holy people. They were apart from Christ and thus had lived a hopeless, ungodly existence (Ephesians 2:11-12). Now, however, they have been immersed in God’s grace through Christ’s death and so are citizens and members of God’s household (2:13,19). They are part of the risen Christ in whom God is uniting the entire cosmos according to the mystery of God’s salvific plan (1:9-10; 2:6-7; 3:8-12). As participants in the Christ-established, new humanity (2:15-16), the letter’s recipients are also reminded that they are now members of the Church which is the Body with Christ as its head (1:22-23).

The crucial, introductory “therefore” in 4:1 serves as a pivotal appeal for the audience to manifest who God has called them to be (which is the core focus of Ephesians 4-6).

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one

Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading from John

John presents Jesus as manna, the miraculous bread God provided and through which Israel learned to trust God's word.

The crowd introduces the story of manna, which becomes central to John's development of Jesus' identity as "bread of life" in this chapter. They ask Jesus to perform a sign like Moses did when God provided the Israelites with a miraculous food in the desert.

It is ironic that the crowd doesn't already associate Jesus with Moses. Even though the crowd acclaimed Jesus as prophet and sought to make him king (John 6:14-15), they seem not to have really understood the significance of what happened in the feeding miracle (John 6:1-14).

Now the crowd seeks Jesus across the sea, asking him for a sign like Moses did (John 6:31). It seems strange for them to say this, since Jesus has just performed a sign like the one they require. Yet their words also confirm what Jesus has said. They have not "seen signs" (John 6:26). That is, they did not understand the meaning of Jesus' actions in the feeding miracle. (with thanks to Susan Hulen, Associate Professor of New Testament, Emory University Atlanta, USA.)

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

What might today's readings be saying to you and our community?

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, bread of life,
hear our prayers as we come to you today.
Guide us in the work of our parish,
that we might welcome all in your name;
Nurturing one another as you nurture us.
We prayer for Archbishop Justin, Bishop's Sarah and Pete.
We pray also for the Willesden Episcopal area as it discerns who might be
our new Bishop....*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Almighty God, who draws all who are hunger and thirsty
Here the cries of the world at this time
as we pray for all who live with the consequences of
floods, fires and famine.
Be with all who are working to bring aide and comfort.
Help us to care better for your creation
and to share all that is produced more fairly...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Loving God,
Help us to respond to the needs of those around us;
That we might love one another,
And our neighbours as ourselves.
As we learn to live with the ongoing
implications of the pandemic help us all;
and those who make decisions...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer

Amazing God,
We pray for all who on holidays at this time:
for those is in need of rest and refreshment;
for all who are sick or in pain,
For those who are celebrating, and those who are mourning.
We pray for all who on our hearts including amongst them we pray for
Joyce, Megan, Christopher, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne,
Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. Nurture in each of us life
and hope. ...*(allow a time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Eternal God, who promises hope,
we pray for all who have left us and now rest with you in eternity. We
give thanks for their lives and the mark they have left on ours. Amongst
them we remember Dorothy Wright, Trish Harris, Richard Simms and
Eileen Dunford...*(allow a time of silence)*

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

In the stillness of this moment we lift our owns before God.

Holy Creator,
who reveals the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord
who taught us to prayer saying:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

St Anne with Holy Trinity Brondesbury Guidance from 19th July 2021

Within the Church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that as many members within one body we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The move to step 4 means we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility around coronavirus than when we were compelled to adhere to Government restrictions.

St Anne's PCC has considered what guidance we as a congregation will continue to have in place, respecting the above. We are also very mindful that we are now entering the summer period when the church is much quieter for worship and for usage. For this reason, we have decided to take these next steps slowly and cautiously; and will review them as the new academic term begins in September.

Please be mindful that others may have different opinions about you to wearing face masks. You may like to arrive early to church and sit nearer a window. If you are not wearing a mask, please do keep a safe distance from others until they invite you into their personal space.

Coming to worship

- ⇒ As soon as you enter the building **please continue to either wash your hands or use the sanitizer provided.**
- ⇒ We would ask, that if you can **please wear a face mask** until you are upstairs and seated in your chair. It is then your choice if you remove your mask, but please do respect those close to you or keep a distance from them.
- ⇒ Chairs will remain as they are for now, giving space for people who wish it. If you want to sit next to someone who is not in your household, and they agree, please do so.
- ⇒ **We can now sing!** And we will be introducing some singing back into our services, though not everything at once. Again, this is partly as caution, and partly because singing is often hard during August anyway with smaller congregation.
- ⇒ **Hymn books** will now be available to those who want them, but the screens will also be used. Individuals can choose. Please do return your book to the stand when you leave, please, so no one else has to touch it!. This will also be the case with service sheets.
- ⇒ The peace may take place. As it is hard to know who would welcome a handshake; the suggestion is that during August we continue as we are – smiling, waving or bowing, and then adapt as we move into September. Similarly, the offertory bowl will remain at the door rather than being passed around.
- ⇒ **Communion** will continue to be administered in the same way, with members of the congregation coming forward, and then everyone receiving together once we have returned to our seats. Mother Christine will continue to wear a mask for distribution, and we would ask you to do the same. However, this is your choice.

We are aware that for some these changes will feel too fast, for other too slow. We will continue to take small steps over the coming weeks, and will review the next steps.

Archdeacons Visitation

Archdeacon Catherine visited the parish last Tuesday evening to conduct our Triennial Visitation. It is little like a mini ‘inspection’ in that she ensures that we are fulfilling our legal duties. She met firstly with the Wardens and then Mo C, and talked about all that we are doing as a parish and how we have

responded during the pandemic and the changes of the past few years. Please pray for Archdeacon Catherine in her role in Willesden and across the Diocese.

Summertime

Over the coming weeks many of you will be away on Summer Holidays. We love getting your postcards or emails letting us know where you have prayer on your journey. Once again we will have a special 'we have prayed here' board out on a Sunday morning to share some of our travel experiences.

Laurence's Larder

You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at <https://www.laurenceslarder.org.uk>



For our prayers—All who are on holidays, Aunty Joyce, Megan, Joyce, Christopher, Fr Robert, Jean, Jean, Piers, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Dorothy Wright, Trish Harris, Richard Simms and Eileen Dunford.

Services this coming week starting 1st August

Monday 2nd August - 2pm Contemplation on Zoom

A time of still reflection in the company of others.

Tuesday 3rd August — 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 5th August – 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Sunday 8th August 2021– 10th after Trinity

8.30am—Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

During the morning -*Thought for the day*

9.30am — Eucharist in Church

5pm— Zoom Service



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