



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 7th November 2021

All Souls Sunday

President: Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for coffee after the service. While Covid restrictions have been reviewed—we would ask, that you please wear a face mask when moving around the church. Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time.

All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.

A Season of Remembering—All Souls Remembering those whom we miss

On All Souls Day we remember those who have died and give thanks for the promises of Christ that lie at the heart of our faith and our hope. Christ's Resurrection offers us this hope. There is no doubt that the death of someone we love is painful and hard to bear - we grieve for the loss of contact, friendship and love. It can be very hard to reshape a life after many years of companionship. All Souls Day gives us a chance to grieve again and to do so with confidence, that our sorrow is known and that it will be answered when we are filled with the joy of the resurrection life ourselves and find again those we have loved in the eternity of God. The practice of setting apart a special day for intercession for certain of the faithful departed is very old. The first feast of general intercession was first established by Odilo, abbot of Cluny (d. 1048).



*Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening
Hymn 27 – All who should valiant be*

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 President will introduce the service

We come in this time of remembering;
remembering those who have inspired us;
those who have touched our lives whom we see no more;
those who challenge us to be the people God
has created us to be.
We give thanks for the gift of memory and community.

The Priest will introduce the confession.

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God our Father

Silence is kept

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen

After a period of silent reflection we sing together:

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We are reminded of God's forgiveness.

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

The Collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious
resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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.**

Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

The book of Lamentations was written by and for people who had survived an unimaginable trauma with personal, political, social, and theological dimensions. What if everything you relied upon for your security, comfort, identity, sense of God's presence, and hope in the future simply vanished overnight? For the residents of Jerusalem in 587 BCE, the world seemed to lose all sense of order and coherence. Life suddenly felt chaotic, brutal, meaningless, and hopeless. These emotions and the questions that arose from the traumatic destruction of Jerusalem are reflected in the book of Lamentations. In today's passage the writer puzzles over the role of hardship in God's world. In some ways it is a lament over why bad things happen to good people.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations 3 :17-26, 31-33

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, 'Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.' The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

In Paul's commentary and perspective, Christianity, unlike any other religion, is one in which love of humanity outmaneuvers all cultural ideals and if that is the case, the Jesus whom Paul encountered on the Damascus road is the relationship-oriented Messiah. Therefore, the grounds on which humanity stands with God and each other is on the basis of relationships.

Romans as a whole is about Paul's appeal to new relationships, of which human beings fail to extend to others outside of their cultural circles. While theologies and church doctrines have shaped and guided churches, Paul's letter to Romans, especially Romans 5:1-11, seems to confront theological and doctrinal perspectives.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans 5: 5-11

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. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing or listen to Hymn 652 - 723 – The Lord’s my Shepherd (Crimond)

As the Gospel is processed please stand.

This weeks Gospel comes from John 5: 19-25

Today we go back in time, after the story of the healing of Lazarus last week. In fact, todays passage almost seems to hint at both the resurrection of Lazarus and Jesus. Many bible label this section “The Authority of the Son.” That is indeed the theme of this section – Jesus’s authority over all things. Jesus’s promise that there will be seen greater works—works even greater than healing an invalid (which they have just seen by the pool at Bethsaida). And these greater works will display his authority. In this passage we have the beginning of a monologue that Jesus is explaining his own relationship with the Father and telling of his own authority as the Son of God to execute judgment. The constant use of the phrase ‘ Very Truly’ is akin to pay attention—this is important!

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

After the sermon we will listen to the Hymn—Be Still my Soul by Selah as we are invited to light a candle for those we remember.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles creed.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*We sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.
A member of the congregation will lead these*

After the biddings we pray

Hear us, risen Lord,

our resurrection and our life.

After every group of names we pray

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

At the conclusion of the prayers

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal.

According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

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

The Deacon says

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We listen to the offertoryHymn 243 – God is Love, Let heaven adore him

We give thanks for God's gifts

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

**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.**

After the Consecration the Deacon Says

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

At the end we say—Amen

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**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 Elevation

This is Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord (+) I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

During Communion we listen to *Russian Kotonia – Give peace Oh Lord*

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this Eucharist bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

Notices

We receive God's Blessing.
The Dismissal (please stand)

We receive God's Blessing.
The Lord be with you
And also with you

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the
blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

The Deacon Says

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We join in our final hymn 275 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Notices

Please continue to pray for the Climate Change Summit in Glasgow in November and for our care of all God's Creation. Some of our boats were forward to be part of the pilgrimage and a photo of our display has also been shared.



Season of Remembering

The past 2 years has seen much grief that we have been unable to acknowledge. You are invited to come and pray with us during our Sunday worship for those people and situations we grieve; for those things we are thankful for; and to light a candle of hope.

All Saints Sunday 31st October—9.30am

All Souls Sunday 7th November -9.30am

Remembrance Sunday 14th November -9.30am

Please invite your neighbours, friends or family to one or any of these services. There are some printed invitations available in church which can share with them.

All Souls Day Flowers

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to our flowers and in other ways to our service today. Flowers have been given in memory of many we hold dear and have touched our lives. A full list of those who are remembered can be found on the notice board, and at the entrance to the church.

Remembrance Day

As well as our service on Sunday 14th November; we will be hosting an Act of Remembrance in Paddington Old Cemetery on Thursday 11th November from about 10.45am. Christ Church School will be joining us for this.



Advent Procession at our Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral have been in touch to say that they are able to once again offer their Advent program! Therefore our Annual Parish Pilgrimage for St Pauls for the Advent Procession will take place on Saturday 27 November at 5.30 pm. We will need to be seated no later than 5pm; and you may want to be in the queue before that! We need to let the Cathedral know by 19th November, so please do sign-up as soon as possible.

Also, St Paul's Chapter sent a message to say that they prayed for St Anne's and our parish last Wednesday.

Tea and Chat Invitations

Tea and chat meets each Friday afternoon between 2pm—4pm. It is a chance, often for those who live alone, to have a safe and comfortable space to come and sit and chat; and enjoy some treats. There is also opportunity to play cards, drafts or scrabble if you would like. If you know someone who might like to come; why not invite them—or Mo C is happy to speak to anyone who would like to know more.

Refreshments after Church

We are now resuming opportunity to share in refreshments after church. It would be helpful if you **could bring your own cup/mug.** **Also remember to 'wrap up' when you come to church as windows will be open!**

Covid Guidance for 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** when moving around; and when coming to receive communion.
- ⇒ The peace - the suggestion is that we continue as we are – smiling, waving or bowing.

The Priest receives the wine on the congregations behalf at present during communion.

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 www.laurenceslarder.org.uk



For our prayers— The Climate Summit in November; appointment of a new Bishop; Jackie, Mavis, Hada, Stephen, June, Ruth, Michael, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died including Michael O'Connell and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Viola Akers, Edgerton Rodgers, Elizabeth Shipman, Hamilton Sampson and John Saxby.

Services during the week 7th November 2021

Monday 8th 2pm Christian Contemplation on Zoom

Tuesday 9th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & Zoom

Thursday 11th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & Zoom

10.45am Act of Remembrance Paddington Old Cemetery

Friday 12th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel & Zoom

9.30am My Moves Playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 14th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Remembrance 9.30am Sung Mass followed by Act of Remembrance

5pm—Zoom Service of the Day

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.

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