



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent

*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. **Face masks are now optional but please remember that others may have a different perspective from you.** Please join us for refreshments in the rotunda after the service. **All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.***

The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn 202 – Forty days and forty nights as the bell is rung.

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 after which we make our confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

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 sings a prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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)

Our first reading comes from the Deuteronomy . This lectionary reading shows how the people of God understand their identity as a perpetual journey. The people’s journey has roots in God saving them from slavery in Egypt. In the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, they journeyed through the wilderness and faced such great hardships that, at times, they imagined life was better when they were still enslaved (Exodus 16:3; Numbers 11:4–5). The book of Deuteronomy provides what appears to be a final stage in their journey; Moses gives a (very long) final speech while they stand on the cusp of arriving in the promised land. But the journeying will not end there.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

(Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The second reading

Paul's Letter to the Romans is about "the good news of God" for which he was called as an apostle and set apart. By this letter, Paul aims to correct some misunderstandings about the gospel he proclaims. In fact, some Roman Christians thought that his gospel was law-free . But he vehemently rejects such a view, saying that faith cannot overthrow the law, which is holy and good (Romans 3:31; 7:12) . Romans 10:8b-13 is part of Romans 9-11 that deals with the salvation of Israel and faith. While Paul hopes that "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), he, nevertheless, maintains the same ground of faith for all, Jews and Gentiles, as he said earlier in Romans 3:30: God "will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith."

In Romans 10:8b-13, he deals with this same condition of faith for all.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

(Romans 10:8b -13)

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— 369 – Jesu Lover of my soul

The Gospel is announced.

Today's Gospel reading is Luke 4: 1-13. The problem with the temptation narratives at the beginning of Lent is the reductive view of all temptations as garden-variety challenges to individual faith. For Luke, the issue is not equivalent to personal temptations around faith, but to Jesus' unique vocation as Spirit-anointed Son of God. Jesus' vocation is grounded in his baptism story with all that Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22) and described as the Spirit's anointing work of good news for the poor at Jesus' home-town sermon (Luke 4:18-21). Luke's temptation is about how Jesus will fulfill his Spirit-anointed vocation as Son of God. These temptations belong to Jesus as Spirit-anointed Son of God. He has a vocation, which is revealed after his baptism in prayer and described in his inaugural sermon. Luke is just reminding us that these temptations are part of a struggle that belongs to what it means to be Son of God who is led by the Spirit ... in the wilderness.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not

dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon after which we keep a period of silence to reflect.

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 man.**

**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.**

We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.

During prayers we use the response:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Sometimes we will also use the words after we pray for those who have died:

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

And rise in Glory

At the conclusion of the prayers we say.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

The Priest will introduce the peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We sing the offertory **Hymn 556 (tune 2) – O Jesus I have promised***

The Priest will offer a prayer of the gifts.

We respond with the words:

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Yours, God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you**

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

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by Your cross and resurrection
You have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

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, who takes away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us
Your peace**

We are invited to receive communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

*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 hymn Ashes.

*You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of
your prayers rising toward God.*

At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a short prayer:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living
bread, and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal *(please stand)*

We receive God's Blessing.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,
take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God
almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our final hymn 680 – **strengthen for service Lord**
during which the clergy depart.*

Our Community Life Together /Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present just shy of our target each month. If you are new to St Anne's, or have not previously thought about it, please consider setting up a Standing Order to manage your giving. Forms and information are available in the entrance, or you can speak with Michael or a member of the PCC.



Lent 2022

Lent starts on the 2nd March with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Day on the 17th April.

You should have received an email this week with details of Lent activities, and activities are also listed on the website. They include:

Lent Study – Monday's in Lent—*Our Lent Study this year will explore themes offer in Paula Gooder's Book – Women of Holy Week. Each session will include stories as well as a chance for reflection; and will conclude with Mass. You may like to buy your own copy of to the book, but you can also attend if you don't have one. Each session will stand alone, so don't worry if you can't attend every session, Starts 14th March @6.30pm .*

Reclaiming our patterns of faith—using Lent as a focus of committing to being part of our faith community and inviting others to do the same.

Charity—Bishop of London's Lent Appeal. *Cultivating Compassionate Communities—Equipping churches to offer safe spaces and promote positive mental and emotional wellbeing*

You can view all details of Lent Activities on <http://st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/activities/lent-2021/>

Stations of the Cross (in chapel & on zoom) Using images and prayers which lasts around 30 mins. This will take place on 4pm o Sunday 13th March & 10th April

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

Please bring either in for collection here!

Changes in Covid restrictions

Wearing of facemasks is now optional. **Please be mindful that others will make different choices to you.** There are 'give space' signs that can be placed of seats if needed. Windows will still be open for ventilation, so continue to wrap up.

Prayer and Action for the Ukraine

The Archbishop's have made a number of statements relating to the situation in the Ukraine. You can read their statements on the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news . Their primary call is for us to pray. There are a number of established aid agencies who have set up specific appeal funds.



ADULT LEARNING AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Explore the challenges, contradictions and joys of being a Christian in the 21st century with some of today's liveliest contemporary theologians, Christian thinkers and speakers. Online events are open to everyone, and all are welcome.

The Supreme Act of Love: following Jesus from Holy Week to Pentecost -Andrew Nunn and Paula Gooder in conversation

Premieres online on Tuesday 22 March, 7.00-7.45pm

See <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning>



For our prayers— Edna, Ray, Harriet, Neil, Tristan, Maureen, Bob, Piers, Michael, Mavis, Hada, June, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Reg Holder, George Shipman, Margaret Gayler, Charles Lee, Anna White and Max O'Connell

Services during the week 6th March 2022

Mo C is on annual leave from 4th—10th March.

There will be no weekday services from 7th—10th inclusively

Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

9.30am My Moves

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 13th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Lent 2 **9.30am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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