



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

**Sunday 13th March 2022**

## **Second 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.***

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*The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn 19 – All my hope on God is founded 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,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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)

*We usually describe Abram's main problem in this passage as a lack of children, but the real issue is not what he lacks. Abram's problem is the prejudice that he holds onto. Genesis 15 explores the significance of God's promises to Abraham and Sarah about descendants and land. The patriarch initially expresses doubt about God's promise. It is an uncomfortable passage in the way that a slave of Abram's house is spoken of—and the dialogue around this is not really resolved. The passage does move on however, and God moves from descendants to land and the method in which the covenant will be delivered and outlined. The promise is made!*

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

(Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your

descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The second reading*

*Lent serves as a time for prayer, repentance, and turning our whole selves over to the One who can heal and save us. The Apostle Paul's words here focus on "stand[ing] firm in the Lord" so that we might more clearly see who we should look to as role models. He encourages us to discern the differences between reliable guides to life and intentional or unintentional agents of destruction. He exhorts us to look to Christ as a source of transformation, of power to become who we are called to be.*

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians  
(Philippians 3:17—4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— 465 – Lord Jesus think on me*

*The Gospel is announced.*

*Our Gospel reading today is Luke 13: 31-end in which we are reminded Jesus' daily ministry in the face of his approaching passion. The passage begins with a warning from the Pharisees for Jesus about Herod's plan to kill him, but it becomes a reflection on the nature of Jesus' life and mission (which reach their ultimate goal in his death) and then on the tragic role played by Jerusalem in the life of Jesus and other prophets. The passage invites us to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and death and on the role we play in the continuing mission of Jesus.*

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 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 467—Lord of all hopefulness***

*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 in our preferred text or language

**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 God so loved the world.*

*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:*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the  
soul; 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 747—**There's a wideness in God's mercy**  
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 on 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](http://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](http://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, Mavis, Hada, June, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Michael Ngo 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 13th March 2022

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> Lent Reflection & Mass in Chapel & Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
	<b>9.30am</b> My Moves
	<b>2pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>8.30am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Lent 3	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School
	<b>5pm Zoom Service of the Day</b>

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