



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 20th March 2022

Third 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 643 – Rock of ages 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 most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life 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.**

Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

Isaiah 55:1-9 comprises most of the final hymn of the exilic portion of Isaiah (chapters 40-55, commonly called Second Isaiah), which invites exiles living outside of Judah in the sixth century B.C.E., at the dawn of Persian rule, to uproot themselves, move to a land their generation

never knew, and reclaim their ancestral home. Second Isaiah constructs several bold arguments for this journey: to reclaim the legacy of Abraham and Sarah (Isaiah 41:8; 51:1-2); to re-enact the exodus from Egypt so many centuries before (43:16-17; 51:9-10); to live out Israel's role as God's own creation (42:5-6; 43:1, 7, 15; 51:16). Here in chapter 55 the poet imagines repatriation as welcome to a bountiful feast of satisfying foods, hosted by none other than God.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (*Isaiah 55: 1-9*)

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The second reading

In 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Paul includes a rather bizarre retelling of Israel's exodus to illustrate for the Corinthians their own precarious position as a church living in a wilderness time — a limbo of sorts between their newfound freedom in Christ and the waited fruition of God's kingdom.

In this period of waiting, Paul urges the floundering church to learn from the mistakes of their "ancestors" and to be faithful to the jealous God of Israel.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Corinthians 10: 1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— **43 – As the deer pants**

The Gospel is announced.

As Jesus speaks to a crowd, some of those gathered seek Jesus' opinion on current affairs. Jesus as a prophet places the local issue within a cosmic frame that yields a divine imperative for the audience. Rather than focus on a past event and what cannot be controlled, Jesus encourages them to change what they can—their minds. The event that sparks Jesus' response is Governor Pilate's execution of Galileans during some ritual practice. Such an event could have personally affected Jesus on multiple levels. First, he was a Galilean, which means that this violence impacted people from his neighbourhood, people whom he could have known and grown up with. Second, Pilate was a direct appointee of the Roman empire who had a track record for being a blood-thirsty, violent ruler. Pilate epitomizes the fear-inducing brutality that Roman provincial subjects, like Jesus, daily experienced directly or indirectly. His presence in this passage, Luke's earlier mention of him in chapter 3, and his eventual role in Jesus' execution capture how Luke understands Pilate as Rome's representative in Judea.

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: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it

down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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 702 – The church is one foundation***

The Priest will offer a prayer of the gifts.

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 Lord Jesus Think on Me.
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:
Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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 275 – **Guide we O thou great redeemer**
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 started on the 2nd March with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Day on the 17th April.

You should have received an email 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

Please bring either in for collection here!

APCM and Electoral Update

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 3rd April around 10.45am (after our service). We need to elect Church Wardens, members of the PCC as well as new representatives for Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available from today! Also if you are new to the congregation please complete a membership form.

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

See article on Diocesan website about how you can be involved
<https://www.compassionatecommunitieslondon.org.uk/conversations/how-can-we-as-churches-respond-to-the-crisis-in-the-ukraine?>

ADULT LEARNING AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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, 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 John Freeman, Peggy Randall and Charles Patrick Follett.

Services during the week 20th March 2022

Monday	6.30pm Lent Reflection & Mass in Chapel & Zoom
Tuesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
	9.30am My Moves
	2pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 27th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
Mothering Sunday	9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School
	5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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