



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 27th March 2022

Mothering Sunday

*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.***



Today is also Mothering or Refreshment Sunday

which falls on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and is a day of joy and celebration. Many of the traditions we observe today began during the sixteenth century, when people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for worship. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. Children and young people who were "in service" were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families. The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into that of Mothering Sunday. **So today let us give thanks for Mothers, for Mother Church & for all who nurture our faith!**

*The President welcomes us and we stand to sing our opening hymn
120 (tune 1) - Come Down, O Love Divine 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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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)

Just at the time when Pharaoh's cruelty rose to its height by ordering the Hebrew children to be drowned, the deliverer was born. Hebrews suggests that it was by faith that the mother of Moses hid him, when at 3 months it was not possible to keep him any longer. It is a great step of faith to both trust not only God, but the good nature of the one who found him. God arranged a way for Moses' mother to train him in his early years and be paid for it. God rewarded the faith of Moses' mother, not only was her son protected, but by raising him she was able to instruct him in the Hebrew faith.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 2: 1-10)

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's

mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The second reading

2 Corinthians is probably one of Paul's most difficult letters to decipher. For one thing, its tone oscillates widely — from expressing deep love to angry rebuke. For another, it does not seem to proceed in a logical fashion, at least to contemporary readers. Indeed, many modern interpreters have thought it to be a composite of several letters. Yet the letter also expresses profound ideas that have had a tremendous influence not only on the history of theology but on much of western thought. Today's exert focuses on God's blessing.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing our next hymn— **491 (tune 2) - Love divine, all loves excelling**

The Gospel is announced.

The passage we hear from Luke 2 gives us some insight into the struggles and sorrows, in keeping with the truth of human life. Simeon tells Mary that “a sword will pierce” her soul (her psyche). She will experience great pain, thorough agony, and the madness of those who witness injustice and are unable to stop it. When we who live on this side of the crucifixion and resurrection hear Simeon’s words, we have a way to know something of what Mary endures watching her son die. Or maybe we can never know; at least we honour the torment. She is the mother of all the disappeared and oppressed, the imprisoned and tortured protesters throughout history. She stands beside his cross. She watches. Before the rising is the falling. Before the glory of God is the cross. And in the moment of uncertainty, she hears the faith of Anna—a woman who also knows the pain of loss.

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 2.33-38

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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 195- For the Beauty of the Earth***

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 David play for us. 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:

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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 **692- Tell out my soul** 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?>

You can also speak to Mark Haggard about ways to contribute.

The Days between Palm Sunday and Easter Day

are important days of devotion in the Christian Year!

Palm Sunday—10th April

9.30am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

4pm—Stations of the cross in the chapel and on Zoom

5pm—Zoom Service For Palm Sunday

Monday 11th April

6.30pm Lent Reflection followed by Eucharist

Tuesday 12th April -

11.30am Reflection for Holy Week and Said Mass

Wednesday 13th April

7pm Tenebrae Service at St Anne's

Thursday 14th April

10.30am Chrism Mass at St Paul's

7pm Mass of the Last Supper with vigil until 10.30pm

Friday 15th April at St Anne's

St Anne's and St Andrew's will be open for quiet meditation all day until the end of services

10am - Creative Meditation in Trinity Chapel and on Zoom before the Altar of Repose

12noon—3pm Meditation on Last words in chapel
(Feel free to come and go during this time as suits you.)

3pm The Liturgy (This tradition service takes place in much silence. It is slow and ponderous as we sit at the foot of the cross, it last about 80 minutes)

Saturday 16th April at St Anne's From **10am - 1pm**—Come help prepare the **church and the garden**

8pm Easter Vigil Mass Followed by bubbly and chocolate

Sunday 17th April

9.30 am Festal Mass at St Anne's

5pm Zoom Service for Easter



For our prayers— Ray, Sue, 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 George Burrell.

Services during the week 27th 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 3rd	8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom
5th of Lent Passiontide	9.30am Sung Mass followed by APCM 5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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