



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Second Sunday of Easter 24th April 2022

Welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. 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. 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 morning tea after the service.

During Easter season, the 50 days which lead from Easter to Pentecost we celebrate and give thanks for the victory of Christ over death and the powers that threaten to destroy our world. At the Easter Vigil we lit the Pascal Candle that symbolises Christ as the light of the world, bringing the light of God into the darkness and a great hymn of praise is sung. As the children of the new Covenant we renew our commitment to Christ by renewing our baptismal vows and we celebrate Christ's Resurrection. In this season particularly we proclaim our faith with joy and hope for all the world to hear and share.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional Hymn as the Clergy enter.

We sing together: **777—To God be the Glory**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

The Service is Introduced

We make our confession to God.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

Silence is kept

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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 you, (+) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing the Gloria in celebration of Christ's victory over death.

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship You we give You thanks, we praise You for your
glory. Refrain:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer. Refrain:**

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Refrain.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

In Exodus this morning we hear the story of the Israelites escape from Egypt—there is much anxiety and uncertainty—but our passage ends with the great song of praise as the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing" (Exodus 15:20). Care is given in both the exodus story and the resurrection

narrative to highlight the role of women. Miriam leads the Israelite women in their victory songs.

A reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 14:10-31; 15: 20,21)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the

Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING

During these 50 days we read every Sunday from the Acts of the Apostles, and share in the story of the birth of the Church. These followers of Jesus had already been arrested back at the beginning of Acts 4 for teaching in the temple about Jesus and his resurrection. The leaders had already heard Peter and John, speaking for all the disciples, say that they could not stop speaking about such things (4:19-20). Not surprisingly the disciples continued to preach and teach in the temple, and not surprisingly the High Priest had them arrested again (5:17-18).

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5: 27-32)

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We remain seated as we sing Hymn 761—This joyful Eastertide during the 3rd verse **we stand as** the Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church.*

The Gospel is announced.

Our Gospel reading today is John 20: 19-end, and it is always the Gospel reading in the lectionary for this second Sunday of Easter, when Jesus appears to the disciples in the locked room, and Thomas is not present! This is often unfairly referred to as 'Doubting Thomas' Sunday, all the disciples had doubted—none had believed the woman's word, or Jesus promise. Much of this doubt related to fear, and some disappointment that things were not progressing as they might have hoped. Resurrection is too magnificent to grasp or, if we do grasp the One in whom there is no darkness, our knowledge is fleeting. Indeed, apart from the Beloved Disciple (John 20:8), it seems as if the disciples were locked into familiar tombs: upon seeing the empty tomb, the disciples didn't preach, they didn't join the choir, they went home. It is also the danger for us—that the wonder of Easter is too much—the hope and joy of resurrection is too difficult and so we do not embrace it. How might we need to greet Jesus anew this Easter season?

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(John 20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

After there is a period of quiet for our reflection.

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the (+) resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory **453—Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour** during which a collection is taken.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 Him thanks and praise.

The priest continues singing the Eucharistic Prayer alone till the Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.**

The priest then continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*And then continues till the end at which we all respond. Amen.
Silence is kept for a moment and then we are invited to join in the
prayer that Jesus taught in our preferred version 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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

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**

The Elevation

This is Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

We receive communion, during which we listen to—Thy Resurrection sung by monks and choir of Kyiv Pechersk Lavra. All who are baptised are welcome to receive, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God’s grace in one kind or two. You may also like to come forward for a blessing.; and you may wish to light a candle.

After all have received we keep a brief silence before the president leads us in prayer.

Let us pray:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.**Amen.**

Brief notices are given

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We remain standing to sing our final hymn 703—Day of Resurrection during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments

Easter Thank you - to everyone who assisted in our observance of Holy Week and our celebration of Easter—it was a great community effort and much appreciated.

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present we are about £200 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.

ADULT LEARNING AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

This weeks adult learning features our conversation withour own Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy and Paula Gooder in conversation online—Where Resurrection Happens: Living the Easter Story Now See <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning>



For our prayers— Ray, Harriet, Neil, Tristan, Maureen, Piers, Mavis, Hada, June, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Laurie Bray, Janet Harris, Edith Bowden, Barny Joel, Rufina Rivera and Joyce Wilson

Services during the week 24th April 2022

Monday 25th 6.30pm Sais Mass in Chapel

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 Move

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 1st 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Easter 3 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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