



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Third Sunday of Easter 1st May 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: **841 – Ye servants of God**

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:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

The book of Zephaniah is set in the reign of King Josiah (640-609 BCE), Israel's reforming monarch, though some of the visions in the book, including the final oracle, may reflect a later exilic or postexilic perspective. In the context of Josiah's reign, God's presence is disturbing; it upsets the complacencies and faithless habits of the people.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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. The story of Saul's encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus is remarkable for many reasons. Luke explicitly states that Saul's intense dislike for members of the Way drove him to seek the high priest's permission to pursue and extradite them. Considering the fact that Herod alone likely had the power to extradite people, Luke's suggestion that Saul approached the chief priest for such permission is puzzling. Luke, however, seems much more interested in highlighting Saul's conflict with members of the Way and his determination to pursue them. But it is the unexpected turn of events—the dramatic encounter with Jesus and its impact on Saul—that stands out in this story.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:1-20]

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

*We remain seated as we sing Hymn 498 – Majesty, worship his majesty during the final chorus **we stand as** the Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church.*

The Gospel is announced.

Our Gospel reading today is John 21: 1-19, when we hear another story of Jesus appearing to the disciples after his resurrection—and once again Jesus is revealed in the breaking of bread (or fish). But there are so many images and messages in this passage—the abundance of fish, the command to ‘feed my sheep’; the command to share the joy and experience of the resurrection. As we heard last week, the resurrection can be a difficult thing to embrace, it is one of the reasons Jesus appears more than once. Following the call of Jesus means putting our nets back into the sea even though you are tired and had no success, it means knocking on another door even though you are hoping against hope that no one answers. As we continue in this Eastertide—what is God asking of us—what questions being asked?

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(John 21:1-19)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat,

dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 **494 – Love’s redeeming work is done** during which a collection is taken.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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—Eric Whitacre:
Lux Aurumque. 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:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 422 – **Lead us heavenly Father lead us** during which the clergy depart.*

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments

Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

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.

Vicar's Garden Party or Tea with the Vicar

Sunday 22nd May from 1pm—4pm you are invited to the Vicarage Garden for Tea, Pimm and Treats. We need to finish ahead of the 5pm service but come for either the whole 3 hours, or pop in as you are able.

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.

Help Needed

We are looking for 1 or 2 people who can help with technology on a Sunday morning from time to time, and especially when Mo C visits Australia later in the year. Please speak to Mo C or Simon.

ADULT LEARNING AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Adult learning at St Paul's is back in person. 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, Ted (Fredrick) Wilson, Bill Clements, Alice Goode and Pearline Laurencin

Services during the week 1st May 2022

Monday 2nd No Mass today as Public Holiday

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

Saturday 7th 2pm Wedding of Tess and Ray

Sunday 8th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Easter 4 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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