



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter 15th 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.*

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*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: Hymn **223 – Glorious things of thee have spoken**

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,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*The book of Baruch falls into two parts. In the first part (1.1–3.8) Baruch, who is mentioned in the book of Jeremiah as being Jeremiah's secretary, read out a letter to the people who were in exile with King Jehoiakim in Babylon. As a result of hearing the letter the people wept, fasted, prayed and made a collection for the Temple to be sent back to Jerusalem. The second part of the book (3.9–5.9), part of which we hear today, changes tone dramatically and consists of two poems, one which exhorts God's people to learn wisdom and the other which encourages them to wait for God's salvation.*

A reading from the Book Baruch  
(Baruch 3: 9-15, 32-4:4)

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom!

Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?

You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be living in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life,

where there is light for the eyes, and peace. Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But the one who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. The one who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; the one who sends forth the light, and it goes; he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, 'Here we are!' They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob

and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterwards she appeared on earth and lived with humankind. She is the book of the commandments of God, the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

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. Since*

*much in Acts 11:1-18 repeats what has already occurred in the preceding narrative (10:1-48), we may be tempted to consider the report as simply demonstrating Luke's thoroughness as an historian. But this would be a mistake. A characteristic feature of Luke's writing is his use of direct and indirect discourse to focus his recipients' attention on critical moments in the narrative and to draw out their key implications. Luke has been preparing his recipients for the reality that God's salvation would extend to the Gentiles. Luke frames this episode and Peter's speech to focus our attention on contrasting understandings of who belongs in God's Kingdom, and to show how the controversy created by these contrasting understandings is resolved among the early believers, at least for now.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 11: 1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of

the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We remain seated as we sing **Hymn 399 (Tune 1)** during the fifth verse **we stand as** the Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church.*

**The Gospel is announced.**

*Our Gospel reading today is John 13: 31-35, when we are reminded to love one another. As is the case with many lectionary texts, something is lost when this passage is not read in its literary context. The context of this passage, of course, is John’s account of Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. In this account, we hear that about many things that Jesus knows, and about how he responds to the knowledge that he has. The love of which Jesus speaks, then, and which Jesus demonstrates in his life and death, is a love which extends from the mundane to the heroic and encompasses every kind of self-giving act in between. Jesus tells his disciples that it is by this kind of love that everyone will know that they are his disciples (John 13:35). Do we really have the courage to explore how we might live out this love?*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(John 13:31-35)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have

loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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 **Hymn 491 (tune 2) – Love divine all love excelling** 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.**

*Prayer 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 Sam play. 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:

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
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 14 Tune 2—All Hail the power of Jesus Name** (words from New English Hymnal) during which the clergy depart.*

***Please do join us downstairs for refreshments***

## **Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

### **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.

### **Open Studios and Gardens**

Queens Park Open Studios and Gardens will take place on the Sunday 19th June. We will be a venue and we will need helpers in welcoming guests and serving tea. If you are able to help please let Mo C know so we can establish a rota for the day.

### **Changes as Easter Season draws to a close— Morning Prayer**

At the end of Easter Season we will revert to offering weekday morning prayer in person only. For those who are unable to attend in person, the Daily Prayer App, which can be downloaded from the Church of England website has not only the words, but an audio recording of Morning and Evening Prayer.

### **Blessing our new bench**

The PCC are installing a bench at the front of church in memory of Wardens Vila Akers and Tricia Harris. We will bless our new bench at the conclusion of the service on **Sunday 12th June**.

### **Bishop Lusa Pilgrimage and School Jubilee Service**

Bishop Lusa is planning to walk and pray in many of the parishes in Willesden. He will arrive at St Anne's at **11am on Friday 27th May** in time for a service we are hosting to Mark the Queens' Jubilee for the students of Christ Church School. We will then process around to school in time for lunch at 11.45. You are welcome to join in the service and the procession.

### **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 Olga Paskins and Velman Smith.

### **Services during the week 15th May 2022**

**Monday 16th** **There will be No Mass this evening.**

**Tuesday** **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

**Thursday** **Apologies No Morning Prayer today**

**Friday** **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

**9.30am**—My Move

**2pm Tea and Chat**

**Sunday 22nd** **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

**Easter 6** **9.30am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

**5pm** Zoom Service of the Day

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