



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sixth Sunday of Easter 22nd 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: **Hymn 702 – The Church is one foundation**

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:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; 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

In this week's passage is one of Ezekiel's whirlwind visions and ecstasy type encounters. This time he has been scooped up by the hand and spirit of the Lord and relocated to the middle of a valley. An abundance of dry bones are lying in the valley. In the middle of his tour, a question places us at the brink of a promise-full word spoken, which foreshadows the end of the passage. The passage ends where we may presently find ourselves in this liturgical season, waiting on the promise fulfilled.

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel
(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," 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. Just prior to the beginning of this text, Paul and his companions Silas and Timothy seem to be at a loss for where to go next with the gospel. They stumble around the region, running into one barrier after another set up by God. Thus Paul receives his vision in the night. One might think that getting a vision from God would make everything clear, but even a vision requires interpretation; more to the point, it requires the community of faith.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
(Acts 16:9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We remain seated as we sing **Hymn 120 (tune 1) Come down O love Divine** during the 4th verse **we stand as** the Gospel is processed to the middle of the Church.*

The Gospel is announced.

Our Gospel today is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples on the night before his death, a discourse punctuated by the anxious questions of his disciples about his impending departure.¹

First Peter (John 13:36), then Thomas (14:5), then Phillip (14:8), and then Judas (not Iscariot) (14:22) ask for clarification about what Jesus is telling them. Jesus has promised not to leave his disciples orphaned (John 14:18). He has promised to send another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to be with them forever.

Above all else, it is this profound love of God that Jesus has made known to his disciples and that the Holy Spirit continues to make known to us. The Spirit assures us that we are never abandoned, even in the midst of the loss, pain, and sorrow that are part of life in this broken world.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(John 14:23-29)

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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 452 Longing for Light (Christ be our light)** 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 Veni Lumen Cordium. 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:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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 703 The day of resurrection** 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.

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.

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.

Blessing our new bench

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

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 David Evans, Jonathon Peter Sharp, Gladys Vickers and O'Neil Watson.

Services during the week 22nd May 2022

Monday 23rd 6.30pm Said Mass in Trinity 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

11am Christ Church School Service for Jubilee and Bishop Lusa Pilgrimage Prayers

9.30am—My Move

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 29th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Ascension 9.30am Sung Mass with Sunday School

5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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