



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Feast of Pentecost 5th June 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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit which renews and sustains us.

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 821—When Jesus came to Jordan** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

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

Alleluia. Christ is Risen .
He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

The President will introduce the service.

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and

death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we listen to your word,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,
fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.



Silence is kept.

Opening reading for Pentecost

Luke does a great deal to confine the outbreak of the Spirit within the constraints of respectability. A key factor in this strategy involves reading Luke and Acts together, not necessarily as one seamless story but at least in sequence. The opening of Acts encourages its reader to remember Luke's Gospel (Acts 1:1-5). The risen Jesus has already prepared the disciples for this moment. Having appeared to them after his resurrection, Jesus promises to deliver what his Father has promised to him: "power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like

the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We sing our praise in the words of the Gloria

***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

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

The Tower of Babel story is often read in contrast to the Pentecost story in Acts 2. In many interpretations, the story of Pentecost reverses the “problem” of the Genesis story. Babel creates numerous languages; the people’s languages are confused so that they do not understand each other. Pentecost, however, unifies these languages because the Spirit allows all to understand one language. This traditional interpretation has some weaknesses. First, it misunderstands the Acts 2 story, which does not claim that the people’s languages are unified but notes that each person understands in their own language. Second, the interpretation falls into a common theological trap of finding a problem in the Old Testament and a solution in the New Testament. It implies that the Tower of Babel story cannot stand alone as an inspiring word but needs Acts 2 to resolve the matter theologically.

A Reading from the book of Genesis (Genesis 11:1-9)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people,

and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 312—Holy Spirit, Truth Divine** (omit verses 3 and 4) during which the Gospel is processed. Please stand during the 4th verse.*

The Gospel is announced.

Our Gospel reading part of Jesus farewell sermon which challenges us to think about how it is that we come to believe. In fact, in this reading, his challenge to believe is made four times in only three verses. Jesus challenged his disciples and challenges us to believe in who he is, what he said, and what he did. How is it that we are able to love Jesus and keep his commandments? Shortly after Jesus says these things, his life ended and the disciples lives filled with fear that the same thing would happened to them. Would they still love him? Could they keep his commandments? They, and we, are able to love and keep the commandments because of the Spirit, the Advocate sent by God. Jesus declared to them and to us that the Spirit of truth would be with us forever. We should never forget this promise!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

(John 14:8-17 [25-27])

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be

satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[”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.]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon. After the sermon silence is kept.

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 for others we offer our own prayer
penitence*

**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.**

Words of absolution are offered.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

and also with you. Alleluia!

Deacon says - Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us in a way we are comfortable until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing **Hymn 62 – Be still for the presence of the Lord** during which a collection is taken.*

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise
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 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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

After the Consecration the Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of Faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.***

We join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say in our preferred version and 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.

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 sin 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 peace.**

The Elevation

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 A Pentecost Anthem 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.

At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then a short prayer:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

The ministers go to the Easter Candle. A minister says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

When all the candles are lit the president says

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Queens Park, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God? **We will.**

Will you continue to be an Ambassador for Christ in this community and beyond? **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places? **We will.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

We receive God's blessing:

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon says Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We sing our final hymn 479 Lord the Light of your love is shining during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments

Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

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—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.

Blessing our new bench

The PCC have installed 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**.

ADULT LEARNING AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

A NEW BEGINNING? RECOVERING WELL AFTER THE PANDEMIC

Tuesday 7th June from 6.30pm—8pm in the Cathedral. Book a free ticket on the St Paul's Website. How can London can be a place of flourishing for all people – culturally, economically, justly - as we move forwards from the pandemic?

Megan's Commission—Sanctuary: choral meditations on refuge
Fri, 1 Jul 2022, 8pm St James's Church, Sussex Gardens, London
W2 3UD. Directed by singer and producer Jacob Ewens, this concert
for choir, piano, and organ explores the yearning for sanctuary from
violence and injustice as it moves, musically, towards a radical
insistence on hope. Featuring the world premiere of Ewens' "O God,
Thou Art My God", as well as music by Rachmaninoff, Brahms,
Whitacre, Tavener, Gjeilo, and Steel. All ticket proceeds will be
donated to The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), which strives to ensure
that everyone has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge.
TICKETS: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sanctuary-choral-meditations-on-refuge-tickets-327546459277>

Brent Deanery Synod

Deanery Meeting at St Catherine's on **Tuesday 7th June; 7.30pm
for an 8pm start**. Our speaker for the evening is Alison Tsang from
the Diocesan initiative 'Compassionate Communities', which is
committed to supporting Diocese of London churches as they
respond to the needs in their communities.



For our prayers— Ray, Harriet, Neil, Tristan, Piers,
Mavis, Hada, 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 Annie
Freeman, Mary Saunders and Heather O'Hagan.

Services during the week 5th June 2022

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 Play Group 2pm Tea and Chat
Sunday 12th	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Pentecost	9.30am Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i> 5pm Zoom Service of the Day

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