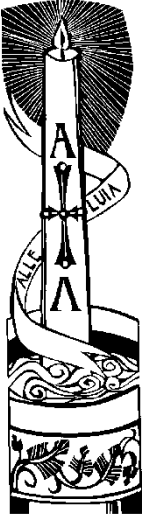




St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ



Fourth Sunday of Easter 30th April 2023

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.

All the words for the service will be on the screens at the front however, if you would prefer to have a printed copy in your hands, or a large print copy, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.

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 340 – I will sing a wondrous story*

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**

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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

The reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter stretches into the days following the Pentecost experience. Peter's sermon (Acts 2:14–36) has moved a vast number of people to be baptized, about three thousand in all according to Luke. This Christ community forms themselves through the apostles' teaching of the Gospel, that is, the message of Jesus; they share fellowship with one another, and sit together for common meals, and they pray and worship with one another. This description draws upon another significant theme from Luke's Gospel: table fellowship.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 2:42-47)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING

Throughout the letter, 1 Peter's main concern is not that believers appease the Gentiles who mistreat and malign them, but that believers actually live in a way fitting to the people of God while living among those who mistreat and malign them (1:14-18, 2:9-12). The letter's household code offers a realistic strategy for how Christians can honour their socially prescribed roles within the Greco-Roman household, while finding a separate system of honour in the household of God (2:5; 4:17). The letter assumes that Christians, slave or free, possess the moral discernment and agency to do what is right, and endure unjust suffering as a result. Although a convert's social circumstances may not change, their consciousness of God changes their perception of their situation.

A reading from the first letter of Peter

(1 Peter 2:19-25)

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this

you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We remain seated as we sing our processional **hymn 715 – The king of love my Shepherd.** We stand during the final verse as the Gospel is processed to the centre of the Church*

We arrive once again at “Good Shepherd Sunday,” the fourth Sunday of Easter. The focus of this portion of John 10, however, is on Jesus as the door or gate of the sheepfold. Admittedly, the image of Jesus as shepherd makes for a far more natural comparison than comparing Jesus to a gate. And how can Jesus be both at the same time? These two images are part of a richly layered, extended metaphor that speaks of sheep, shepherd, gate, gatekeeper, strangers, thieves, bandits, and wolves. All of these except for the wolves are introduced in the first ten verses, and all of the elements of this extended metaphor contribute to understanding who Jesus is, and who we are in relation to him.

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Christ

(John 10:1-10)

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold

by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as we are seated for the Sermon.

After the sermon we keep a moments silence.

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 pray 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Priest will introduce the peace with suitable words...

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!

The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us until the offertory
Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory **hymn 273 – Great is
thy faithfulness** 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 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 :

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for 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 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. All who would normally receive are

welcome to, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. **(Please do not intinct (dip))**. You may also like to come forward for a blessing; and you may wish to light a candle. During communion we listen to *The Lord is my Shepherd*.

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

Let us pray:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand) as we receive God's Blessing.

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 169 – **Father hear the prayer we offer** during which the clergy depart.*

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Laurence's Larder

As you know Laurence's Larder is back in full swing serving meals every Thursday and providing food bags as well. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great!

Looking forward to the Coronation

The Coronation of King Charles will take place on the weekend of the 6th May.

Friday 5th May - 9.30am School Service in Church – all welcome

Saturday 6th May We will stream the Coronation Service in Church with some light refreshments. Come and watch this event with others. The Church will be open and the screens on from 10am!

Sunday 7th May Our worship will have a Coronation Theme, with prayers reflecting the events of the weekend. A Celebration Brunch will then be served after the 10am Service.

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In March we raised £1905. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Message from Mother Christine

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks for your generous gift marking ten years as Vicar of St Anne's. It is a such a privilege to be part of this lovely community and I am very grateful! Thankyou!!!

Vicar's Garden Party

You are all invited to join in the Vicar's Garden Party which will this year take place on Sunday 11th June from 2-5pm. Hopefully it will be a lovely sunny day!

Invitation to Special Evensong at St Paul's

Mother Christine will be installed to the Prebendal stall of Twiford on Sunday 28th May at 3pm. You are all warmly invited to attend. You do not need a ticket, but it would be helpful if you were seated in the Cathedral by 2.45pm. You need to allow time to pass through security as you enter.

Willesden Pilgrimage to St Paul's with Bishop Lusa

Bishop Lusa is concluding his year long Willesden Pilgrimage of Prayer with a walk, from St Mary's Willesden to St Paul's Cathedral on 23rd May, in the week of the Thy Kingdom Come Novena. He would love from people to join him for this whole 9 miles, or at any point along the way. The walk will conclude by joining Evensong in the Cathedral at 5pm

Book your places on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/475118190297>

For more details speak to Mo C.



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

Services during the week 30th April 2023

Tuesday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel and on Zoom
Thursday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel
Friday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel
Sunday 30th	9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
<i>Easter 4</i>	10am Sung Mass with Sunday School

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