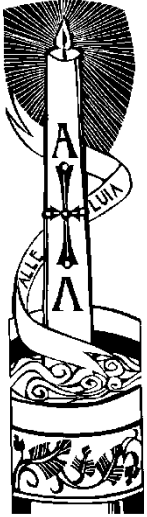




St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ



Fifth Sunday of Easter and Coronation 7th May 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.

Today we also mark the Coronation yesterday of His Royal Highness King Charles III, and commit ourselves, along with the King, to a life of faith and service.

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 96 – Christ is made a sure foundation - omit verse 3.

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 gather this day to worship almighty God,
and to pray for our King,
that, both now and always,
God may grant him wisdom and grace
for his ministry among us.

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 God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

This is a disturbing story. Stephen speaks truth to power and is stoned to death. The post-Easter world is not warm and fuzzy. Our Easter trumpets are jarringly silenced by shocking human brutality.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 7:55-60)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING

In this Easter season, the letter of 1 Peter supplies useful metaphors for pondering the theological significance of Christ's resurrection for faith-filled living. In 1 Peter 2:2-10, the writer piles one image on top of another, encouraging readers to imagine the boundless possibilities of Christian existence in light of Christ's life. Metaphors abound in this passage! And no one metaphor captures everything there is to say about resurrection. Rather, they suggest different interpretative pathways forward to ponder and take up.

A reading from the first letter of Peter

(1 Peter 2:2-10)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that

by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We remain seated as we sing our processional **hymn 100** – **Christ is the world's light.** We stand during the final verse as the Gospel is processed to the centre of the Church*

This Sunday is the first of two Sundays from the 14th chapter of John. Chapters 13-17 are best known as the Farewell Discourse in the Fourth Gospel. Chapter 13 narrated the footwashing, the last meal shared between Jesus and his disciples, and the departure of Judas to the dark side (13:30). Chapter 14 picks up with direct words from Jesus to his disciples about his impending departure. They are words of comfort and hope, promise and plain speech, and little mincing of words as to what's soon to take place.

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 14:1-14)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 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.

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 prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the rest of 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...

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. Alleluia!
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

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 – Jerusalem
the Golden** during which a collection is taken.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service;
for Jesus Christ's sake. **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 Zaddock the Priest*

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

Let us pray:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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!

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The National Anthem is sung:

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 97 – Christ is our
cornerstone omit verse 3 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

Thank you to everyone who has helped with different activities as we have marked the Coronation of King Charles III.

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!

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, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Hada and Theresa Baker and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Ted (Fredrick) Wilson, Bill Clements and Alice Goode.

Services during the week 7th May 2023

No Public Morning Prayer this week

Sunday 14th **9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
Easter 6 **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

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