



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Feast of Pentecost 28th 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.*

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**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 580 – O thou who camest from above** as the Clergy enter.*

### ***The Gathering***

We meet in the name of God who is (+) 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 (2.1-21)

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.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Priest says*

As we rejoice in the power of the promised Holy Spirit,  
let us offer our praise to God in the words of the Gloria

*We sing 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 New Testament*

*In the cultural buffet that is offered under the sign of “spirituality,” this passage from 1 Corinthians makes some important claims about the Spirit through which the church lives, and about the shape of faithful spirituality. Paul’s discussion begins in verse 3 by insisting that the undeniable sign of the Spirit’s activity will be confession of Jesus as Lord. The Spirit brings faith itself, and specifically faith focused on Jesus as Lord.*

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians  
(1 Corinthians 12:3b-13)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 87 – Breath on me breath of God** during which the Gospel is processed*

*The Gospel is announced.*

*John 20:19-23 begins with the disciples in a locked room because of “fear of the Ioudaioi.” Most translations render the term as “the Jews.” While other gospel narratives usually state that the “scribes and Pharisees” did the betrayal, the Gospel of John seemingly takes the consequences of the charge further to a generalization of guilt upon an entire group of people. To often this verse in John has attributed to misinterpretation.*

*The emphasis in this passage is on the disciples fear. Pondering what it means to hide away in fear, the beautiful part of this passage is that the greeting eirēnē hymin (peace to you all) frames the idea of Jesus showing his hands and side while the disciples see and rejoice. The text shows that in order to move away from fear, the community must constantly expect Jesus to show himself beyond any fears that lurk within the mind of the community. Thereafter, the community can come back to life after receiving the breath of Jesus.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

(John 20:19-23)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as quiet music is played.*

*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 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)

*The Priest will introduce the peace*

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.

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 in a way we are comfortable until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory Hymn 453 – Lord enthroned in heavenly omit verse 4 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*



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 David 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.*

*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.**

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 114 – Colours of Day during which the clergy depart.*

***Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.***

**Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary  
Finance—St Anne's**

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In April we raised £1950. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

**Laurence's Larder**

As you know Laurence's Larder serves meals and food bags.

They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great!

### **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.



**For our prayers—** All doing exams, Emma, 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 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 28th May 2023**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>No morning prayer today</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30 Morning Prayer</b> in chapel and on Zoom
<b>Friday</b>	<i>No morning prayer today or My Move</i> <b>2pm</b> Tea and Chat
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>9 am</b> Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
<i>Trinity</i>	<b>10am</b> Sung Mass with Sunday School
<i>Sunday</i>	<b>5pm</b> Zoom Service of the Day

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