

St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Second Sunday after Trinity 18th June 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 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, or a hymn books, they are on the landing.

A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 638 – Rejoice the Lord is King** (Alternate 4th verse) as the Clergy enter.

The Gathering

We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

The President will introduce the service and then leads us in our confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolve to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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 us, (+) pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:
Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

In Exodus 19, the children of Israel arrive at the beginning place, Mount Sinai. Their arrival marks the fulfilment of the promise God made to Moses at the burning bush. The promise has come full circle, and, yet, the true journey is just beginning: the covenant relationship between Israel and God. The first eighteen chapters of Exodus create the setting for the covenant. The covenant made at Sinai is thus born and nurtured in a matrix of trust and steadfast love. The content of the covenant unfolds in the chapters that follow.

A Reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 19:2-8a)

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in

front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

We often talk of hope as wishful thinking: "I hope it won't rain"; "I hope I win the lottery"; but Paul's concept of hope in Romans is different. He introduces "hope" in the story of Abraham's faith (Romans 4:18), and develops the concept in chapter 5. For Paul, hope isn't wishful thinking, but absolute certainty about the future because it is grounded in God's faithfulness to keep his promises. That is, what God will do for the believer in Christ is grounded on what God has done for the believer in Christ. In Romans 5:1-8 Paul explains the benefits of his gospel (see 1:16-17) for those who are justified by faith and stand in a new relationship to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans (Romans 5:1-8)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering

produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our Gradual **Hymn 24 – All that I am** during which the Gospel is processed

The Gospel is announced.

Matthew 9:35-38 provides a succinct summary of Jesus' ministry to this point and paves the way for the commissioning of the twelve and the missionary discourse that follows in Chapter 10. When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them for they were "harassed and helpless". This imagery out of Ezekiel 34 suggests exploitation at the hands of the leadership. After considering the condition of the people, Jesus says to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37). The almost continuous presence of the crowd when he teaches and heals means that the harvest is ready. Consequently, Jesus admonishes his disciples to ask the Lord of the harvest to meet this great need by sending out workers into his harvest field. Jesus does not ask them to pray for more shepherds but more workers. The disciples will carry on Jesus' mission to these sheep.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Matthew 9:35—10:8)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar. 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 we say

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of God be with you always and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace in a manner that is comfortable to you.

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 834 – Will you come and follow me (omit verse 3) during which a collection is taken.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

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.

We receive communion, during which we listen to
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:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

The God of hope fill you will all the joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our final hymn **798 – We have a gospel (omit verse 5)** 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 May we raised £1870. 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

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Garden Party last Sunday afternoon, and special thanks to all who helped!

St Anne's Day Celebration

We will celebrate St Anne's Day on Sunday 16th July with a special service, including Sunday School presentations – and a special brunch after the service. Please save the date.

Ordination of Priests and Retreat

This week Mo C is out of the parish from Wednesday – Saturday helping to prepare the Willesden Area Deacons for this their Ordination as Priests on Saturday 24th June at 3pm at St John's Stanmore. Please pray for her, Father Andrew and Bishop Lusa as they prepare the candidates. Pray also for those to be ordained including Wendy, Ruth, Mervat, Ninus and Akin.



For our prayers— Layla, Kathleen, Emma, Peter, Rhona, Floret, John, Josephine, Harriet, May, Neil, Tristan, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean, Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Theresa Baker and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Fred Coleman and Richard Costello.

Pray also for those whose Banns we are reading today and who will be married in the coming months: George and Sarah who will be married at St Peter's Firle; and Chris and Laruen to be married at the Grosvenor Chapel.

Services during the week 18th June 2023

Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer in chapel and on Zoom

Thursday No morning prayer today
Friday No morning prayer today

9.30am My Move playgroup

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 25th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom *3rd after* **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

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