



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

8th Sunday after Trinity with Baptism 30th July 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.

Today we welcome Jago Edward Orlando Palley into the family of God. It is lovely to have his parents Rosa and Harry, with sister Clover, as well as extended family and friends with us on this special day, as we are all reminded of our baptism.

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 26 All things bright and beautiful** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The president will introduce the service.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to

God's love. For all involved, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

We give thanks for this promise as 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:

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit now and for ever. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word *(please sit)*

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

1 Kings 3:5–12 is bracketed by the death of David, Israel's greatest king and the reign of his successor, Solomon. 1 Kings 3:5–12 both provides divine sanction for Solomon's reign and also presents him as a pious and wise ruler, despite his youth and lack of military experience. We know that he is considered pious because he previously presented a thousand burnt offerings to God at Gibeon which exceeded expectations. Gibeon was a hill country located northwest of Jerusalem.

A Reading from the first book of Kings (1 Kings 3:5-12)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil;

for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

The key to interpreting Romans 8 is to recognize that Paul is writing to a collective community. In a culture that tends to read Romans as a roadmap for individual salvation, we must remember that Paul’s letter does not address the faith or belief of single believers; it addresses a faithful, corporate body of Jesus-followers—God’s beloved in Rome (1:7).

In 8:18-39 Paul emphasizes that God will end the present age marked with suffering and establish God’s good purposes on earth. Paul assures the Romans that their present realities, such as hardship, distress, persecution, famine, impoverishment, peril, and war will cease when the full glory of God is revealed.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans
(Romans 8:26-39)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be

the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 652 – Seek ye first the kingdom of God** during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

Parables revealing the character of God's reign flow freely throughout this lection from Matthew. Five parables open with the tag "heaven's realm is like", and the point of comparison in each case is very down-to-earth (and sea). What do a mustard seed, yeast, buried treasure, a pearl, and a net full of fish have in common? Each shows us something of what it means that God is sovereign, and what it means for us who would participate in God's domain. Jesus addresses the first two (mustard seed and yeast) to the crowd, along with the disciples. He tells the last three (treasure, pearl, and fish) just to the disciples.

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 13:31-33, 44-52)

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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.

The Liturgy of Baptism

The priest addresses the congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Jago with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Jago begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead Chloe with Holy Oil saying

+ Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of His cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of His glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved
in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,
the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptize into his fellowship

those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this (+) water that,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image,
may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Baptism

The priest baptises saying (Jago Edward Orlando Palley)

Jago, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the
company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed
by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the
saints in glory. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession are offered.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Jago
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill Rosa, Harry, Clover and Jago with the light of your
presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.
Especially we pray for all who live with the effects of terror,
violence or natural disaster.
Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.
Especially for this community of St Anne and this Diocese of
London.
Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.
Especially for Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion,
Kathleen, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and
Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Jean,
Peter, Pearl, John, Cecilia and Ruth
Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, and in
heaven we remember all those who have died and all whose
anniversary fall at this time including Trisha Harris, David
O'Hagan, Emily Skears, Ivy Catlin and Arthur Templer.

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord
And may light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace **And rise in Glory**

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

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

*The congregation may greet the newly baptized.
The president introduces the Peace in these or other suitable
words.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
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 **491- Love Divine all love excelling** 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 join the priest saying:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. 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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

We receive communion, during which we listen to Sam play. All who are baptised, or those who usually receive communion in their own church, are welcome to receive communion. We receive God's grace in one kind or two, so we ask that you don't dip the bread (host) into the chalice). 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:

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

Giving of a Lighted Candle and final commission

When all the newly baptized have received a candle, the president says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president addresses the whole congregation

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in
the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart(s) through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our final hymn 243 – God is love, let heaven adore him during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for morning tea.

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!

Queen's Park Day on the 17th September. We need to ensure that we have things to sell as well as people to help. From the beginning of August there will be a sign-up sheet to help out at QPD. We also need to be collecting good quality clothes and toys to sell, paperback books, and we will be looking for people to make cakes ready for the 17th.



For our prayers— Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Kathleen, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, 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 and Trisha Harris, David O'Hagan, Emily Skears, Ivy Catlin and Arthur Templer.

Services during the week 30th July 2023

Tuesday 1st **8.30am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
Friday 4th **2pm** Tea and Chat
Sunday 6th **9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
Transfiguration **10am** Sung Mass
 5pm Zoom Service

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