



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

11th Sunday after Trinity

20th August 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 96 Christ is made the sure foundation omitting verses 3** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

**We meet in the name of God the Father and
of the Son and of 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
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

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

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 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:

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

The prophet Isaiah preached in Judah during the eighth century; his words are in the first thirty-nine chapters of the book that bears his name.

The anonymous prophet we call Second Isaiah preached among the exiles in Babylon sometime shortly before the return to Judah that commenced in 538; his words are in chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah. We refer to the prophet or prophets who produced the last section of the Isaiah scroll (chapters 56-66) as Third Isaiah. Those words address the situation in Judah during the early years of the effort to rebuild Jerusalem and reestablish life in Judah.

Isaiah 56, then, opens the third and final part of the book of Isaiah. Its words begin Third Isaiah's attempt to address the challenges the people faced in rebuilding a devastated nation.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 56:1, 6-8)

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

This week's passage is difficult in that it jumps from the question, to the tail end of the answer without giving us much context as to who Paul is speaking of, or to. Regardless of the complexities of understanding the presence in creation of sin and death, Paul joins the consistent testimony of scripture with respect to both of them. We do not live in an amoral, purposeless universe set into motion by a neutral God who idly watches to see what happens; Rather we are created by God who seeks justice and mercy.

A reading from the letter to the Romans
(Romans 11: 1-2a,29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our Gradual Hymn 747 – There's a wideness in God's mercy during which the Gospel is processed

The Gospel is announced.

Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman is unsettling. Jesus is less than eager to help this woman, explaining that his mission is first to the house of Israel. However, Jesus is the one who has left Jewish territory and invaded this woman's world. Furthermore, this Canaanite woman -- an unclean, outsider -- demonstrates that she has a better grasp of Jesus' identity than the hand-selected disciples do at this point in the narrative. Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman unsettles boundaries and calls into question definitions of clean and unclean. Jesus praises her faith. This woman seems to understand what the members of the household of Israel have yet to grasp. Jesus is not just hope for Israel, but hope for the world. Reading Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman reminds the church that God is constantly entering new territory and breaking boundaries. This God is in the unsettling business of meeting outsiders and granting them not just a crumb, but a place at the table.

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 15: 21-28)

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We may also use the response:

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

At the end 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)

Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 36 - **And can it be** 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we join the priest saying:
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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 Bless the Lord O my Soul – Rachmaninoff. All who are baptised 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:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray together

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. 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 all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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 to proclaim omitting verse 5 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 July we raised £1880. 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 2023

Queen’s Park Day is on the 17th September. We need to ensure that we have things to sell as well as people to help. There is now a sign-up sheet to help out at QPD at church – please do take time to volunteer. 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.

Back to School Help

With decreasing school budgets, local schools, including Christ Church, are asking families to provide stationary for each student. *Pencil ,ruler, rubber, sharpener, purple pen, whiteboard pen all in a small pencil case.* It would be helpful to be able to provide some ‘spares’ for students or families who are unable to do this themselves. If you would like to donate a completed pencil case with the items listed, please drop it off to Mo C.

Adult learning at St Paul's

My Spirit Rejoices: Mary, the Mother of Jesus -September 26th; 6.30 - 8pm Tickets are free but you do need to book.

Mary the mother of Jesus is a polarising figure. Is she Queen of Heaven, the New Eve, an ordinary person called to do extraordinary things, the ultimate good girl, a feminist foremother, or is her story altogether more complex?

She is also the subject of countless paintings, poems and works of music, sometimes overlaying our sense of her presence in the Bible. Rowan Williams (poet and theologian, and was the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury) and Paula Gooder (Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and a leading Biblical scholar and teacher) will consider contrasting aspects of Mary's story in the Gospels and the church, her place in our faith, and why she still matters so much.

The evening will include live music performed by members of the St Paul's Cathedral Consort, and plenty of time for questions and answers.



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 Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers, Theodora Gordon and Beverley Ramsey.

Services during the week 20th August 2023

No Public Morning Prayer until Thursday 7th September

Tea and Chat then in recess till 8th September

Sunday 27th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

12th after **10am** Sung Mass

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