



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

13th Sunday after Trinity
3rd September 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 27 – All who would valiant be** 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:

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We hear a reading from the Old Testament

These verses come in the middle of the poetic material commonly called Jeremiah's "laments" or "confessions." The timeframe is the late seventh and sixth centuries BCE. These are the years on either side of the destruction of the kingdom of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar. When Jerusalem was destroyed, many of the people were deported to Babylonia. Those not taken into exile were subjected to imperial rule in the homeland.

The first half of this passage expresses Jeremiah's frustration with the people who refuse to hear him and his anger at those who actively try to prevent him from being heard. The words that God gave him to speak—words of justice, of love and care for one's neighbour, of opposition to violent oppression—are powerful, life-giving words.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 15:15-21)

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words

became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading

In Romans 12: 9-21 Paul discharges a series of rapid-fire exhortations that whiz by without much connection or clarification. But is despite how it looks, these verses are loosely tied to what precedes it in 12:1-8. Paul continues to call for the kind of behaviour produced by a renewed mind and that is the proper response to the mercies of God.

Love is the overarching paradigm for the whole passage. Paul echoes Jesus in calling attention to love as the key moral norm for God's people.

A reading from the letter to the Romans (Romans 12:9-21)
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep

with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 43 – As the deer pants** during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

The gospel now recalls some teachings that the disciples will find hard to swallow. Peter’s confession that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” elicits Jesus’ blessing. Now a stern warning from Jesus echoes in their ears, “don’t tell anyone that I’m the Messiah!” Why? Because Jesus is about to shatter their image of what this Messiah was sent to do. What Jesus “begins” here in verse 21 is a deconstruction of the disciples’ messianic expectations. He tells them that death—not glory—will be shadowing them all the way to Jerusalem where there will be a final confrontation. Lest they forget, he will remind them again (Matthew 17:22-23). What’s ahead is not a throne, but a cross. There won’t be an army of zealots ready to make Jesus their king, there will only be a mocking mob calling for his death.

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 16:21-28)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 **337 – I the Lord of Sea and Sky** 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 Ave Verum Corpus by William Byrd sung by The Sixteen. 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:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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.

Prayer for the start of the new term.

Today we mark the beginning of the new academic year, as well as the return to work or regular activities for others after the summer, so we ask God to surround us all. Let us pray:

Creator God, we give you thanks for the new start which September brings. We thank you for schools, colleges and universities, and all who learn, teach and serve in them. We thank you for places of work, for colleagues and clients, challenges and tasks. We thank you for those with whom we spend our days, for opportunities to learn and grow at every stage; for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Bless this new academic year. Help each of us to grow in our knowledge and love of you, that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

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 491 – Love Divine 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.

Creation Season and Harvest Festival

From Sunday 10th September we will be celebrating creation season in the lead up to Harvest Festival on the 24th September. During this time we give thanks for all God's creation and pray that we will be care for this earth. Please do start bringing in non-perishable items and planning them in the box at the back of church so we can create a display on the 24th.

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.

Mo C is on annual leave from 1st – 7th September.

Adult learning at St Paul's Cathedral

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 and Paula Gooder 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— Kathleen, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, 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 Charles Cory.

Services during the week 3rd September 2023

No Public Morning Prayer until Thursday 7th September

Thursday 7th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Friday 8th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 10th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

14th after **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

Trinity **5pm (postponed) First Sunday Zoom Service**

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