



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Ash Wednesday Eucharist 7pm



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

We 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.

*Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing **202 – Forty Days and Forty Nights** (omit verse 3)*

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest greets the people .

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you

The priest introduces the service and invites the congregation to keep a holy Lent.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

We keep silence together and then we say together -

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING - Joel 2:1-2,12-17 *please sit*

A reading from the prophet Joel

Shout Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, ‘Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, “Where is their God?” ’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silence is kept.

THE SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand as we sing a hymn 43 – As the Deer pants for the water

During the final verse we stand for the Gospel procession

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord

(Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21)

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated for the Sermon after which silence is observed until the liturgy of penance.

THE LITURGY OF PENANCE

Please kneel or sit according to your tradition.

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father

have mercy on us

God the Son

have mercy on us

God the Holy Spirit

have mercy on us

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity

have mercy on us

From all evil and mischief, from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and from all evil intent,

Good Lord deliver us

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money; from hardness of
heart and contempt for Your word and your laws,

Good Lord deliver us

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world the
flesh and the devil,

Good Lord deliver us

in times of sorrow, in times of joy; in the hour of death and at
the day of judgement,

Good Lord deliver us

By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation; by Your birth,
childhood and obedience, by Your baptism, fasting and
temptation,

Good Lord deliver us

By Your ministry in word and work; by Your mighty acts of

power; and by Your preaching of the kingdom,

Good Lord deliver us

By Your agony and trial; by Your cross and passion; and by Your precious death and burial,

Good Lord deliver us

By Your mighty resurrection; by Your glorious ascension; and by Your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Good Lord deliver us

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Your holy word.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept

Make our hearts clean, O God;

and renew a right spirit within us

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The priest now introduces the Imposition of Ashes

Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

The priest now prepares the Ashes

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The congregation to come forward to receive Ash on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and hope during which we listen to the song of ashes.

+ Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

At the end

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and (+) absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

We offer a sign of peace to one another

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We stand as we sing **Hymn 66 - Be thou my vision omit verse 4** as our gifts are brought forward and offering collected.*

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Yours, God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

The preface continues and then we join together saying

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic prayer continues until

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by Your cross and resurrection

You have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

The Eucharistic prayer continues until we say together **Amen**

The priest invites the congregation to join in saying the Lord's prayer:

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.**

**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 say the Agnus Dei

**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, have
mercy on us**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us
peace.**

The priest then invites the congregation to receive communion:

**This is Jesus, 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**

*The priest and people receive communion. All who are baptised are
welcome to receive. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come
forward with your hands folded on your chest. During communion we
listen Ashana sing – All is Forgiven*

This Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said

**Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life.
give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these**

inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

*We sing our final hymn as the clergy depart. **Hymn (65)** Be thou my guardian and my guide*

We depart the church in silence please, if you wish to speak with others, please wait until you are downstairs.



Lent 2024

Lent starts on the 14th February with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Day on the 31st March. You should have received an email this week with details of Lent activities, and activities are also listed on the website; or in the flyer at the back of church.

Lent Listening Groups

What are the places where you get to share about your faith journey, both the highlights as well as the struggles?

For Lent 2024, all across London Diocese are invited for a deep dive into the theme of listening as a tool for deepening discipleship. We will engage with a simple listening group format that can be used as part of a church, small groups, or other friendship groups. Together we will explore how listening can help create space to pay attention to what God is doing in our lives. Surrounded by a small group of 3-4 people, we are encouraged to listen, notice, lean into discomfort, discern and respond.

Materials are provided, as well as two online Zoom Sessions; but you will need to commit to spend time listening with 3-4 others. Due to changes in the parish this Lent, groups will need to be set up by the participants, though all the materials are provided by the Diocese. Once you have found a small group, and agreed to do this together, register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lent-listening-groups-tickets-750204310287?aff=oddtcreator>



For our prayers— Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, Jean, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Jean, Pearl, Peter, Ruth, John and Cecilia.

Services for the remainder of the week

Sunday 18th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
Lent 1 10am Sung Mass

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