



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Eleventh Sunday of Trinity **11th August 2024**

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.

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 328 I come with joy** as the Clergy enter.*

The Gathering

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 President will introduce the service.

We make our confession for those things which separate us from God and from one another.

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

We lift our voices in thanksgiving 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:

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

We hear a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament

Elijah literally finds himself in the wilderness in this reading, but he also seems to be figuratively in the wilderness as he asks the Lord to take his life. Elijah has endured a traumatic episode with the prophets of Baal and Asherah up in the northern region of Carmel. Although he successfully dispatched the prophets and

demonstrated God's power to Ahab, something is wrong. Elijah experiences a sense of shame or failure or some type of emotion on which we cannot quite put our finger. It leaves him deflated, despondent and depressed.

1 Kings has previously presented Elijah as assured and triumphant. He seemed to have no problem finding his way, yet now we see a very different Elijah, an Elijah sharing more in common with Hagar and Jonah than Elisha and Isaiah. While we meet a very different Elijah here, we meet the same Lord here who ministered to Hagar and Jonah.

A reading from the First book of Kings
(1 Kings 19:4-8)

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We hear a reading from the New Testament
There is nothing specifically Christian about most of the vices, virtues, and practices described in today's text. Similar lists abound in ancient literature. What makes this material distinctively Christian isn't the specific behaviours cited, but the theologically framed motivations that accompany them, along with the world-shifting theological vision they presuppose.*

What might it look like for a Christian community to "put away falsehood" and "speak" (or share!) "truth" with one another if we live in non-overlapping universes of "truth"?

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians
(Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 499 Make me a channel of your peace** during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

This is a pivotal part of the later section of John 6, often called the “bread of life” discourse. The question of Jesus’ identity is not merely a matter of curiosity; it carries profound implications for Jesus’ audience and for Christianity today. In John 6:35, Jesus boldly proclaims himself as the bread of life, assuring that those who come to him will never hunger.

In our everyday language, a symbol represents something else. They “convey something of transcendent significance through something accessible to the senses¹ Jesus associates himself with “bread”; the apparent contradiction that he is bread prompts us to

reconsider this simple imagery. Readers should ponder how Jesus is analogous to bread, with the overarching concept that Jesus is bread because he sustains life.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

(John 6:35, 41-51)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as quiet music is played. 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.**

**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.**

**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)

The Priest will introduce the peace

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 triune God be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*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 323 – I am the bread of life omit verse 3***

During the Hymn a collection is taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of St Anne's . Cash can be placed in the bowls that are passed around, or you can use the contactless point at the rear of church. Alternatively, you can use this QR code or the link to donate online st-annes-brondesbury.org.uk/donate



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 Sam play. 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 :

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 listen to the notices about our community life .

The Dismissal *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

... 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 337 – I the Lord of Sea and Sky during which the clergy depart.

Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Laurence's Larder

Laurence's Larder provides meals every Thursday as well as over 100 food bags every week. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great! They can be placed in the basket at the back of church.

Summer Period

Over the summer period the church is a bit quieter, and we have less user groups in. My Move and Sunday School are now finished till September. The 6th August will be the last weekday morning prayer until September. Please do send us a postcard or email photo if you are travelling.

Queens Park Day

This year will take place on Sunday 15th September. Like previous years we will be having a stall. Please start collecting novels, good quality clothes, toys or bric-a-brac that we may be able to sell. Please also ask your neighbours for there summer paperbacks as well!

Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral

Mo C will be preaching at the 5pm Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday 15th August. You are very welcome to attend. You are asked to be seated by 5.45pm. You can enter through the main public door of the Cathedral (you will need to go through security so limit baggage). Once inside, tell the Stewards you are my guest and that I am preaching, there are some allocated seats towards the front of the Cathedral. If you do not want to use the stairs, enter the Cathedral through the North Door where there is a ramp – and tell the steward on the door the same thing and they will assist you.

Events at St Paul's Cathedral

Martin Luther King - Three Dimensions of a Complete Life:

Martin Luther King for this moment; Raphael Warnock

At St Paul's Cathedral Tuesday 3rd September, 6.30-8pm

Admission Free, All Welcome. Book tickets at

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/three-dimensions-of-a-complete-life-martin-luther-king-for-this-moment-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/three-dimensions-of-a-complete-life-martin-luther-king-for-this-moment-tickets-935419915147?aff=oddtcreator)

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***Dr Raphael Warnock** is a Democratic Senator and the Senior Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where Martin Luther King also served as Pastor. In 2021 he was elected to the United States Senate, the first African American to represent Georgia and the first Black Democrat to be elected to the Senate from a Southern State.*



For our prayers— Neil, Carlson, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, Jean, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, May, Mavis, Kay, Jean, Pearl, Peter, Ruth, John and Cecilia .We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Tricia Harris, Lionel Gubbins, Fredrick Grant, Marjorie Bray, Melvina Akers and Theodora Gordon.

Services during the week 11th August 2024

No morning prayer now till September

Friday 16th 2pm Tea and Chat

Sunday 18th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
12th of Trinity **10am** Sung Mass

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