



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Twelfth Sunday of Trinity **18th 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 33 – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** 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:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Food is a metaphor for life in many biblical stories. For a few

weeks now, we have been reading Jesus' sermon in John 6 in which he proclaims, "I am the bread of life," and then describes what that means. And the corresponding Old Testament readings have spoken of various miraculous meals: Elisha's feeding of 100 men with just 20 loaves of barley bread (2 Kings 4), the giving of manna—bread from heaven—to the Israelites in the wilderness (Exodus 16), and the angelic food—a loaf baked on hot stones—provided for Elijah as he runs away from the vengeful Jezebel (1 Kings 19).

The culinary theme continues this week as Woman Wisdom invites all who will listen to come to a banquet. She has built her house and prepared the feast. Wisdom invites the young and the foolish to eat and drink at her table so they might gain understanding and live. Proverbs is the quintessential example of biblical Wisdom literature: to teach young people how to live with wisdom and integrity, how to live the good life, in the best sense of that term.

A reading from the book of Proverbs
(Proverbs 9:1-6)

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We hear a reading from the New Testament
Ephesians 5:15-20 concludes a section in Ephesians (that began in
5:3) emphasizing the contrast between the morals of the world and*

the morals of the church.

Christians are to be “children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) rather than “children of disobedience”, and our lives should reflect this difference in status.

Taken in the larger context of the overall letter, our passage is right in the middle of the second half of the letter, Ephesians 4-6. This second half consists mostly of moral exhortation, which is tied closely to the more strictly theological first half of the letter, Ephesians 1-3.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

(Ephesians 5:15-20)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 166 – Faithful Shepherd Feed me** during which the Gospel is processed*

The Gospel is announced.

John 6:51 summarizes what Jesus has been saying since verse 32: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.” The death of which Jesus speaks was the death that threatened Israel under harsh conditions in the desert, and also the separation from God represented by the sentiment that life in Egypt was preferable (see Exodus 16:3). Manna was the solution God provided in that situation, and Jesus has been interpreting the scripture to identify himself as manna.

Jesus extends his interpretation in a new way in these verses. He indicates that the life he gives is “eternal”: “Whoever eats of this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The phrase “live forever” is a

variation of John's more common words for the gift Jesus provides, eternal life Throughout the Gospel, Jesus asserts that he is the bringer of eternal life for those who trust in him. The manna is already a story of God's life-giving power. Jesus uses this opportunity to clarify that the life he brings as manna is this kind of life: it extends forever.

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 6:51-58)

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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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 453 – Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour***

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 :

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing;
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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 **425 Let all the world** 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, Tea & Chat 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!

Finance

St Anne's is responsible for ensuring that we raise the funds to meet the cost off all that we do. This includes meeting the costs of the maintenance of the building; the mission we carry out (like My Move, Tea and Chat, support of the local community and our work with schools); and our worship. We raise some of these funds through renting out spaces; and the rest we rely on the generosity of the congregation and community through giving. There will be more details about this in the Autumn. At present we seek to raise £2200 each month through congregational giving.

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.

Services during the week 18th August 2024

No morning prayer now till September

Sunday 25th 9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom
13^h of Trinity **10am** Sung Mass

*Pay attention to the different parking restrictions of carnival –
use the car park if you drive.*

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