



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Christ the King 24th November 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, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.



The Feast of Christ the King marks the last Sunday of the Church year! It is the last Sunday before Advent, and brings to end the liturgical Kingdom season when we envision what God's Kingdom is. It celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos.

Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening Hymn 14 – All hail the power of Jesus name (tune 1) verses 1,2 ,5 and 6.

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 and then lead us into a time of confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. 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 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:
Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 as the young people leave us for their lessons. We hear a reading from the Old Testament.

So begins Daniel 7, which marks the transition in the book from court stories that celebrate heroic faithfulness and portray God's judgment on royal hubris to the apocalyptic half of the book, which represents kings and kingdoms as "great beasts." In the

story world, these empires are envisioned as ruling the known world after Daniel's time. But by the time the story was composed, all but one of the empires described had risen and fallen, and thus Daniel's visions of the future were, for the author, prophecy after the fact.

A reading from the Prophet Daniel
(Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

The opening verses of Revelation are perfectly suited to Christ the King Sunday, affirming our conviction that God has indeed given Jesus the name before which all creatures will bow in reverent submission, proclaiming Jesus the "ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5), and summoning our own allegiance to Jesus above every earthly power or party insofar as we have become the "kingdom" over which he rules on God's behalf (1:6).

A reading from the Revelation of John
(*Revelation 1:4b-8*)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; very eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing our **Gradual Hymn 205 – From heaven you came** during which the Gospel is processed – please stand during the last verse

John's trial narrative raises these questions in compelling ways. Although Pilate and the Jewish leaders may appear to be powerful, John presents Jesus as the one who exercises authority.

The charge of kingship is the central question of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Jesus never answers Pilate's question, "Are you the king of the Jews?" (John 18:33), in a straightforward way. As in other parts of the Gospel, John communicates some of the most important messages about Jesus' identity by enacting them in the story instead of stating them outright. Here, John uses the trial and crucifixion to display Jesus' kingship and the faithlessness of those who reject him.

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 18: 33-37)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

Let us declare our faith in God.

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 sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community. A member of the congregation will lead these

After the biddings we pray

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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 conclusion of the prayers

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament *(please stand)*

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord 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 Hymn 320 – **How shall I sing the majesty (tune 1)** 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 :

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 David play. All who would normally receive are welcome to, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. **(Please do not intinct (dip)).** 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:*

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We listen to the notices about our community life.

The Dismissal (please stand)

We receive God's Blessing.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing 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 join in our **final hymn 425 – Let all the world in every corner sing** as the clergy leave the church*

Please do join us for refreshments

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

PCC Update

The PCC met on Monday 11th November. Amongst usual topics like finance and safeguarding we also discussed changes with Mo C's departure on the 15th December.

We will be emailing everyone in the parish with more details in the coming week, but we wanted to reassure you of a few things in the interim.

Mo C's last Sunday with us will be the 15th December. The Bishop has confirmed that it is likely to take up to 12 months for Mo C to be replaced. Members of the parish will be asked for their input at different stages in the recruitment process. There will still be a 10am service every Sunday, with a visiting Priest – like when Mo C has been on leave. Many things will continue as they are; for example - groups renting

spaces. Others may be different during this period of interregnum. We will however need more members of the parish to volunteer to help in different ways from buying milk for Sunday morning – to helping with maintenance; and keeping in touch with others.

Please look out and read the more detail email about all this in the coming weeks.

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. **Thank you for your ongoing generosity in supporting the work of St Anne's.**

Opportunities During Advent 2024

Advent Procession

The Advent Procession is a beautiful service of light, poems and music held every year at St Paul's Cathedral. St Anne's has regularly attended this event. This year it will take place on Saturday 30th November at 5.30pm. We will need to be seated in the Cathedral by 5.15pm.

Carols by Candlelight

with Queen's Park Singers—Sunday 15th December at 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

This will also be Mo C's final service and we expect it to be busy. Please plan to be early for this event!

Wreath Making

This annual creative workshop will take place on **Saturday 7th December -10am until 1pm**. Come at 10am to make you own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. All materials will be provided but participants will be asked to buy their wreath. Please book!

Christmas Parties

My Move and Tea & Chat will both have their Christmas Parties on Friday 13th December. This will also be their last session for 2024 as we go into the Christmas holiday period. *These groups always end on the week of their Christmas party for the year.*



For our prayers— John, Martin, Pam, Neil, Carlson, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, 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 Grace Burrell and Hubert Smith.

Services during the week 24thth November 2024

Tuesday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel and on zoom
Thursday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel
Friday	8.30 Morning Prayer in chapel 9.30am My Move 2pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	5.30 St Paul's Cathedral Advent processions.
Sunday 1st <i>Advent 1</i>	9 am Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom 10am Sung Mass <i>with Sunday School</i>

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