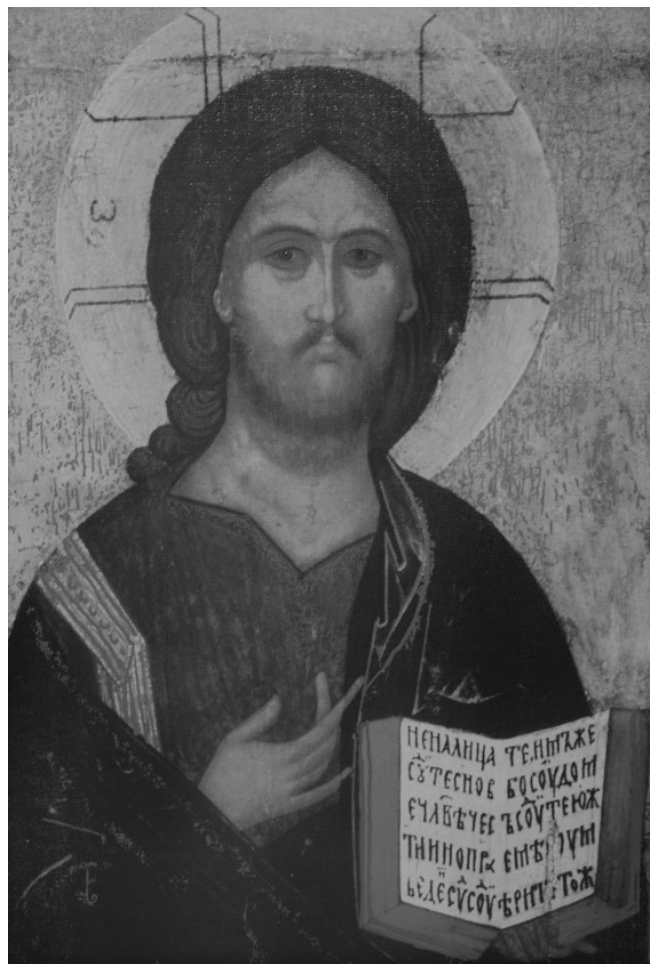


ST ANNE'S, SOHO

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

23rd March 2025



The Eucharist

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is
The Revd Martha Pennel
Curate of St Anne's

The Preacher is
The Revd Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's

Organist
Annie Lydford-Holland

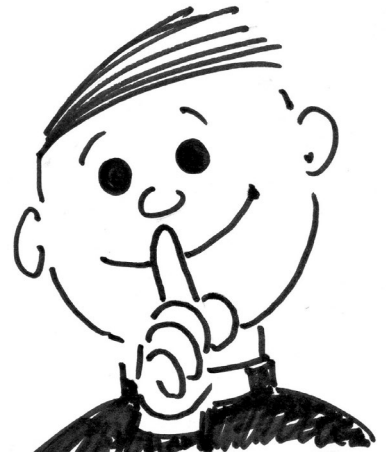
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

www.stannes-soho.org.uk/worship

Worshipping in church we gather with strangers and friends, and from home we join virtually with those we see and hear on screen. But wherever we are, we join with the church throughout the world, and all the saints in Heaven, as children of God and disciples of Christ.

We invite everyone to:

- **Join us in keeping a time of quiet before the service begins.**
- Switch off your mobile phone for this hour and avoid other distractions.
- Support St Anne's via contactless giving, the collection taken during the service, or by direct debit.
- Keep this booklet for your reflection in the coming week.
- **If you are in church please save the chatter until the organ voluntary has concluded at the end of the service.**



We pray this time together will be a blessing for all who share in it, and strengthen us to serve others in the week ahead.

Welcome

We meet in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Opening Hymn

O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: HEREFORD

The Lord's Summary of the Law

As we gather to have that flame of sacred love kindled afresh in our hearts, we are reminded again that we are called to love both God and our neighbour.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy and write these laws on our hearts.

Invitation to Confession

After his baptism, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the wilderness, where after forty days he was tempted by the devil, but did not sin. We confess that we have not followed his example, but have given in to temptation and failed to keep God's commandments.

Silence for reflection.

All: God our Father,
we confess
that we have not always followed your commandments,
or followed the example of Christ.
We are truly sorry for any wrong we have done,
and any good that we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
and help us to live more generously
and kindly with others.
Amen

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Absolution

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.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

All: Amen.

First reading

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63: 1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.
- 2 **My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**
- 3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 4 **Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.**
- 5 I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
- 6 **My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
- 8 **For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.

Taize Chant

Christ Jesus

O Christe Domine Jesu

O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!

Gospel Reading

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 13: 1-9

At the end of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We repeat the Taize Chant.

Sermon

The sermon is followed by a short piece of music to give us space to reflect on the readings and sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

*To the bidding 'Lord in your mercy'
We respond 'hear our prayer'.*

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
All: accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

✠ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ✠

The Peace

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
All: And also with you.

*Please greet one another and
then be seated as the altar is prepared and the collection taken.*

Hymn

As the deer pants for water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield:
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

You're my Friend and you're my Brother
even though you are a king:
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Refrain

Martin Nystrom

The Eucharistic Prayer

All: Merciful Father,
Turn us from sin to faithfulness,
From disobedience to love,
And prepare us to celebrate
The death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour,
Who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All: we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: it is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

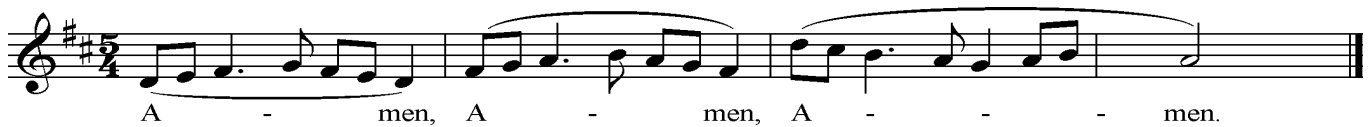
Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your
kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in
the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne and all the
saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ
our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for
ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper:
**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*All are welcome to gather around the altar, as directed,
to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Holy Communion may be received in the bread alone, or in bread and wine as
you prefer. Please indicate clearly what you wish to receive, and wait until those
standing with you have received before returning to your place.*

The practice of intinction (dipping) the host is not permitted.

Prayer after Communion

All: Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Notices

The Dismissal & Blessing

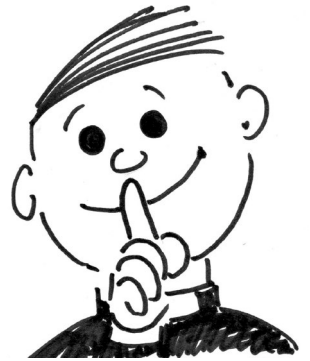
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Let us all go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please sit quietly after the clergy have departed and enable
those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary to do so.
There's plenty of time to chat over coffee.*



We remember those who've died recently
and all whose anniversaries fall in the week ahead:
Michael Colley and Evelyn Cone.



NOTICES

- **Visitors and newcomers** to St Anne's are always welcome to stay for refreshments after the service, if you've not been to St Anne's before please be sure to pick up a copy of our newsletter and find out what is going on and coming up.
- **During Lent** we are asking people to make a £1 donation for refreshments after church, which will then be donated by us to City Harvest London. Please pay your £1 in cash, or pay a fiver up front and be done with it!
- **Next Sunday** we observe as Mothering Sunday and, as usual will be distributing flowers to everyone to give to their mothers or keep in memory of them. After the service, as John Witts is away, we need help to put chairs back - please let the wardens know today if you are able and willing to help with that.
- **This week's Faith and Food** has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for later in the year, apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment. the next Faith and Food will be on 21st May with Geoff Chape from the Salvation Army.
- From next week we will be accepting donations towards the **Easter flowers** in memory of loved ones. Yellow envelopes will be available for you to give cash or record donations given electronically, and the name of someone personal to you whose name you would like to have remembered here.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	11am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	5pm	Holy Communion (<i>first Sunday of the month</i>)
Tuesday	1:05pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8:30am	Morning Prayer

The church is open for private prayer
Monday – Friday 9am – 5:30pm (often until 8pm)

For Pastoral Care including home visits, prayers for healing and anointing, confessions, funeral services, weddings & baptisms please contact:

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