

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

19TH NOVEMBER 2023



The Eucharist

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant today is:
The Revd Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's, Soho

The Preacher today is:
The Revd Martha Pennel
Curate of St Anne's, Soho

Organist
Anthony Winter

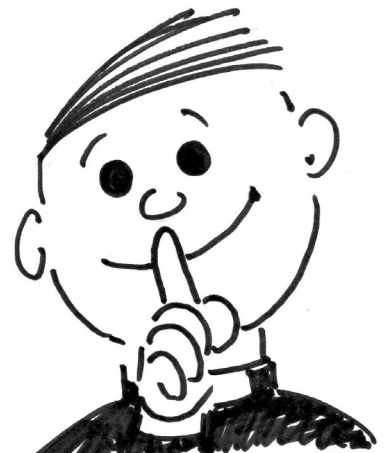
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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.**



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

How lovely, Lord, how lovely
is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting
to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter,
a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us
within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship,
O God, a single day
is better than a thousand
if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance
and claim you as my Lord,
than revel in the riches
the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield for ever
are you, O God most high;
you shower us with blessings,
no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving,
from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers
of blessing overflow.

Prayer of Penitence

God and Father of all blessings, we thank you for this day: for the gift of life and your love revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that as we are blessed, so through us your blessing will overflow to those around us at home, at work, at school, in church.

As we pray for your grace to walk as disciples of Christ, we seek your forgiveness for our shortcomings and failings: those sins which separate us from our neighbour, and from you our God.

After a short silence. All say:

All: 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.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

All: 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.

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.

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.
Amen.

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☞

First reading: Thessalonians 5: 1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90 v1-8

Underscored by the organist.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 **You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

**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.**

Gospel Reading

The Priest sings the Alleluias before we all sing them together.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

cf Revelation 1.8

All: Alleluia. (sung)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25: 14-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

All: Alleluia. (sung)

Sermon

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

The Creed

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:

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

∞ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ∞

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

All: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

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

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper rev'rence praise,
in deeper rev'rence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

The Eucharistic Prayer

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in_ the high - est.
Bless - èd_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord._
Ho-san - na in_ the high - est, ho-san - na in_ the high - est.

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:

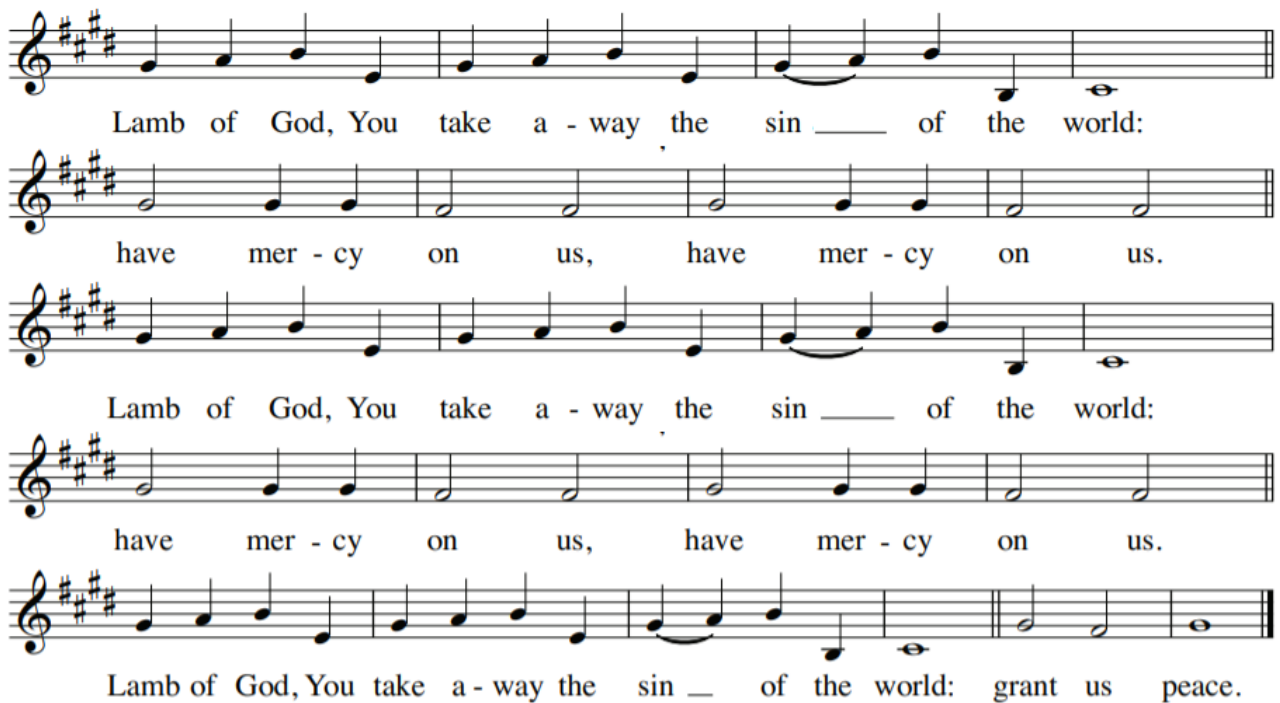
All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

*All are welcome to gather around the altar, as directed,
to receive Communion or a blessing. If you are a visitor and usually receive
Communion in your home church you are welcome to receive here.*

*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

Let us pray.

All: Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Final Hymn

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving pow'r,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, for all our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

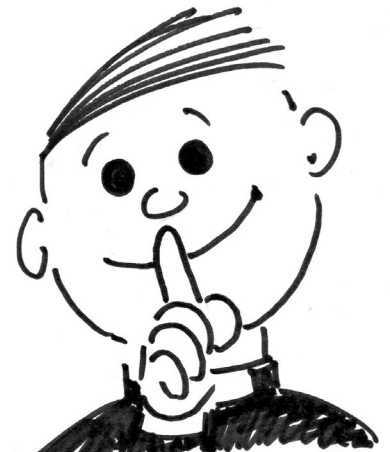
The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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.



NOTICES

- **All are welcome** to stay for refreshments after this service, as usual.
- **Sign up for Faith and Food** with Disability Ministry Enabler Revd John Beachamp on Weds 29th November.
- **We switch the lights on the Christmas Tree** in St Anne's Gardens on Thursday 30th November at 4pm. All are welcome to join us for the carols and refreshments around the tree.
- **Sunday 3rd December is Advent Sunday** and a Soho Parish Sunday when we particularly welcome and involve children in the service. The service will include the Rector's traditional puppet play for Advent and all children will leave with an Advent Calendar.
- There is **no Soho Seniors lunch here this week**, but Peter Harris has booked tables at The Montague Pyke (Wetherspoons) for those who would like to join them there.
- **The clergy** are on a Bishop's Study Day this Thursday all day, following Morning Prayer.



We remember those who've died recently,
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:
Lucia Rosada, Elsie Clunnell and Charles Mansbridge.



REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	11am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	5pm	Holy Communion (<i>first Sunday of the month</i>)
Monday	12:45pm	Midday Prayer (<i>at the Chapel of the House of St Barnabas, Manette Street; Eucharist first Monday</i>)
Tuesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer
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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