

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9th March 2025

The Eucharist

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

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

We welcome as our Preacher
The Revd Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's

Organist
Anthony Winter

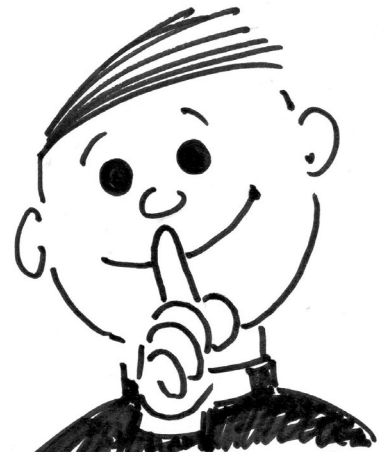
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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 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

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing ev'ry blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,
love with ev'ry passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Tune: MANNHEIM

The Ten Commandments

In this holy season of Lent we hear the commandments which God has given to his people and examine our hearts. Let us be resolved to live according to God's ways for the honour of his name, and the well-being of all his people.

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

2. You shall not make for yourself any idol.
God is spirit,
and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

3. You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.
You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are
above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

5. Honour your father and mother.
Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all,
especially members of the household of faith.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

6. You shall not commit murder.

Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

8. You shall not steal.

Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

9. You shall not be a false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth.

All: Amen. Lord, help us to keep this law.

10. You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

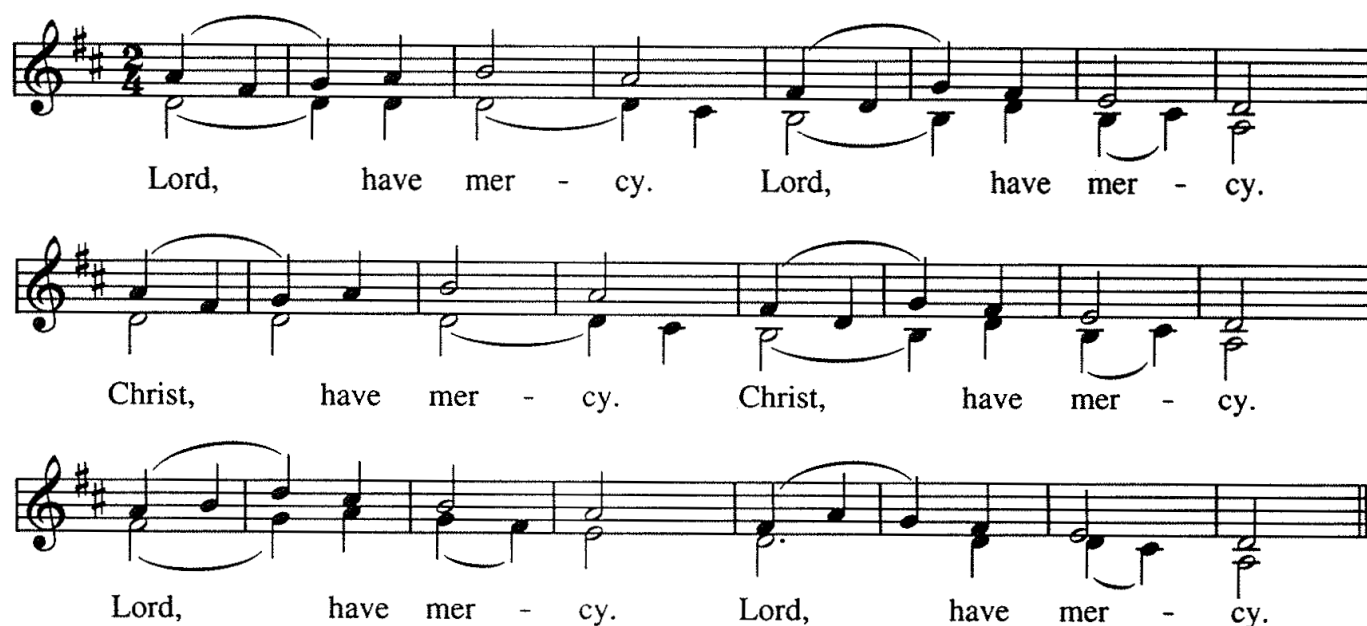
**All: Amen, may these laws be written on our hearts
that we may keep them always.**

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 Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

*The children are invited to go off to their special activities now,
and return during the offertory hymn.*

☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☞

First reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91: 1-2 & 9-16

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 **Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'**
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 **Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

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!

Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour! Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour! Christ

Gospel Reading – Luke 4: 1-13

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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'ence praise,
in deeper rev'ence 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

All: Merciful Father,
Turn us from sin to faithfulness,
From disobedience to love,
And prepare us to celebrate
The death and resurrection of Christ 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:



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 - ed 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.

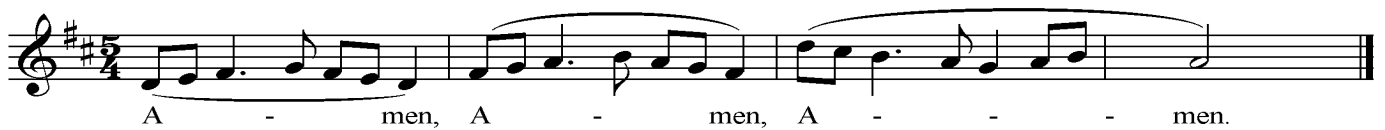
Great is the mystery of faith.

**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...

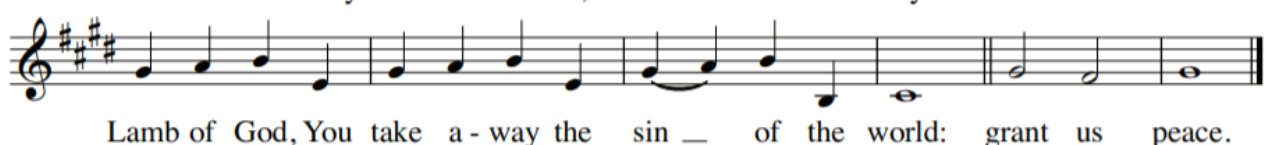
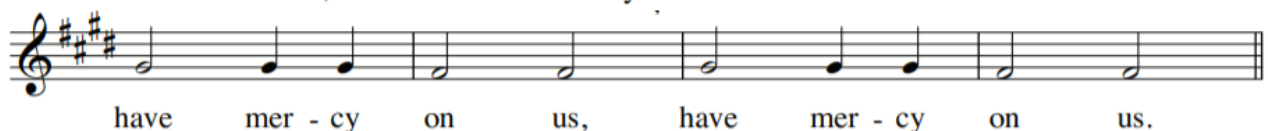
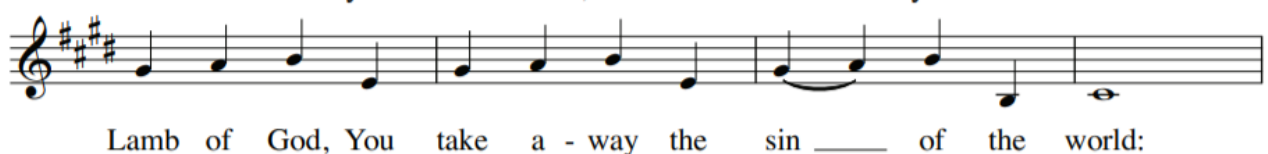
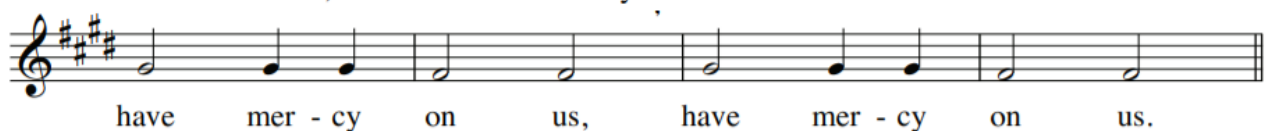
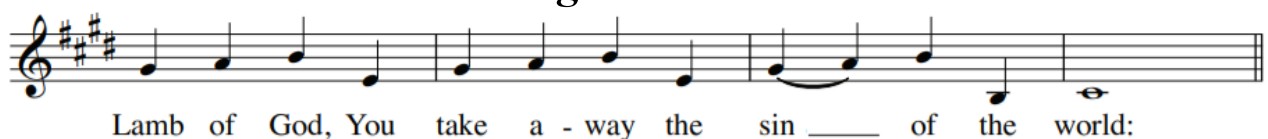
Breaking of the Bread

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



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: Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be our Saviour and an example of godly life:
give us grace to follow in his footsteps,
that we may walk together on the path
that leads to peace with you
and our neighbour.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dew-drops nightly shed,
prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share,
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine
holier gladness ours shall be,
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870)

Tune: AUS DER TIEFE

Notices

The Dismissal & Blessing

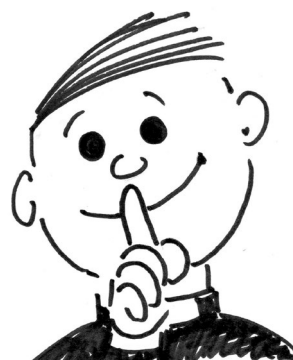
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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:
**Beatrice Sandison, Terhu Aguila, Charlotte Martin,
Michael Malcolm Stevens, Ethel Hameblyn and Leslie Hardcastle.**



NOTICES

- **Today is the Second Sunday in the month** and so there is a Children's Group during this service beginning after the collect prayer, and lunch after it at Bistro1 for those who would like to meet and eat with others.
- **Next Sunday is a Soho Parish Sunday** when we hope members of the school community will join us and the choir will sing during the service.
- **Lent Bible Study** starts this week on Tuesdays in Sacred Grounds from 9-10am looking at the passion narratives in John's Gospel, and if you haven't picked up a leaflet about keeping Lent, please do so.
- **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!
- **The Sybils**, the group for trans Christians and their friends meet for worship here at 6pm this Wednesday before going for supper (yes, Bistro1 again!). Sybils Members, friends and allies are all welcome.
- Finally **THANK YOU** to Richard Abraham, Steve Busby and Jake for enabling around 70 people to enjoy pancakes at our Pancake Party on Tuesday afternoon. A great success!