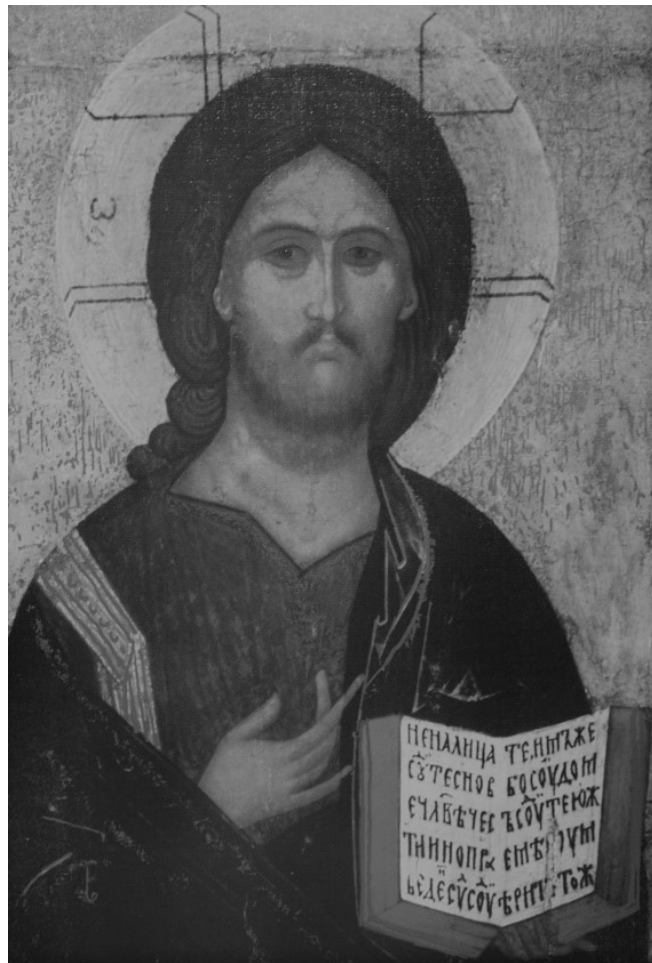


# ST ANNE'S, SOHO

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



The Eucharist

# Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant and Preacher is

**The Revd Simon Buckley**

*Rector of St Anne's*

Organist

**Anthony Winter**

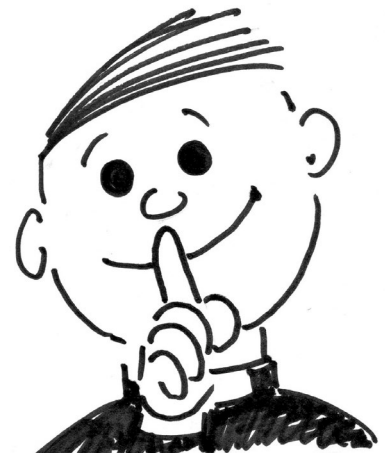
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

[www.stannes-soho.org.uk/worship](http://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

The musical score consists of three staves, each with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line for each voice part. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the first staff; "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." for the second staff; and "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the third staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## 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.**

*Children go off to their activities in the Allen Room now,  
and return at 'The Peace'.*

## ∞ The Liturgy of the Word ∞

### First reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

*A reading from The Book of Exodus*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 95

*Underscored by the organist*

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
  - 2 **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.**
  - 3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.
  - 4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**
  - 5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
  - 6 **Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
  - 7 For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
  - 8 **O that today you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,**
  - 9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my works.
  - 10 **'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**
  - 11 'So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."
- All: 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 Chri - ste Do - mi - ne Je - su, O Chri - ste Do - mi - ne Je - su! O

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

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

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

John 4: 5-29 & 39-42

*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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one,  
lay down thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

## 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:



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.

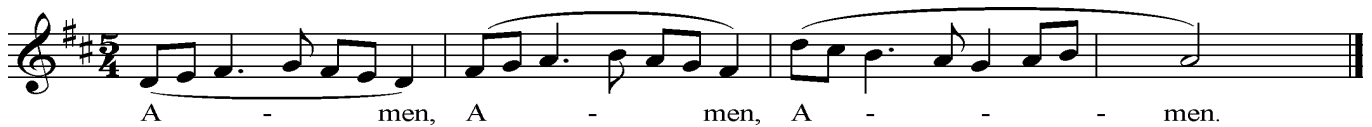
Great is the mystery of faith.

**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  
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.

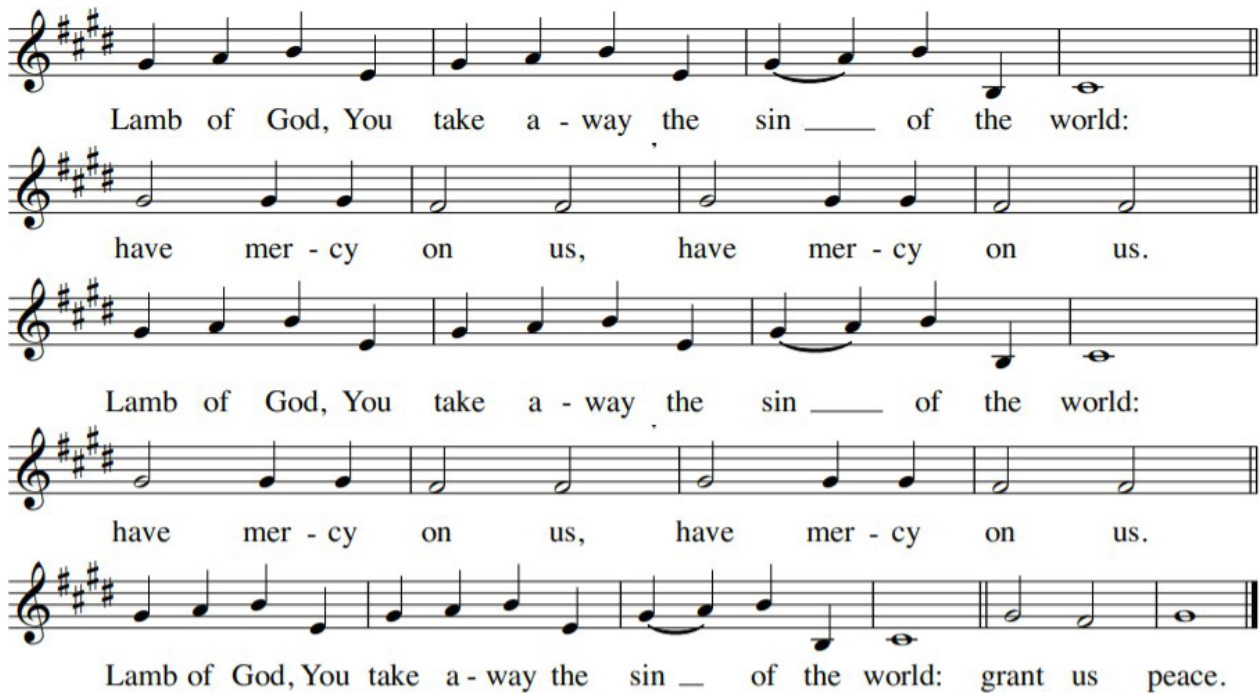
## Breaking of the Bread

*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

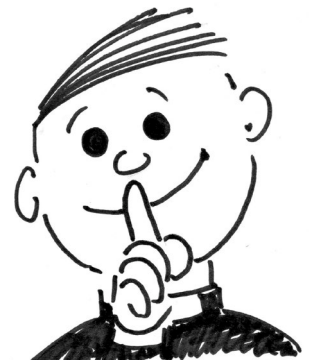
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.


**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.*



  
The names of those recorded in  
St Anne's Book of Remembrance  
and whose anniversaries fall during this month  
are displayed in our entrance corridor.



# 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!
- **Sunday School for adults** continues after this service at 12.45. There is no 'Second Sunday Lunch' this week- it has slipped a week to next Sunday.
- **Bible Study** in Sacred Grounds follows Morning Prayer this Wednesday, shortly after 9am. All welcome!
- There will be **no Morning Prayer on Tuesday** this week.
- **Next Sunday** we observe as Mothering Sunday and, as usual we will be distributing flowers to everyone to give to their mothers or keep in memory of them.
- 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, along with the name of someone personal to you whose name you would like to have remembered here.
- **Anne Jonathan** who was a faithful member of this congregation many years ago died recently and her friends in London have arranged for a requiem eucharist to be said for her here on Thursday 19th March at 3pm. Any who knew her are welcome to attend.

# REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

|           |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Sunday    | 11.00am | Sung Eucharist                                      |
| Sunday    | 5.00pm  | Holy Communion ( <i>first Sunday of the month</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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