

# ST ANNE'S, SOHO

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026



### The Eucharist

You're welcome to take this sheet away with you.

# Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is:  
**The Revd Martha Pennel**  
*Curate of St Anne's, Soho*

The Preacher is:  
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*Rector of St Anne's, Soho*

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Soloist  
**James Emerson**

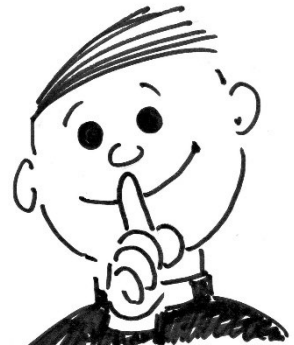
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

[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.**



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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.

Alleluia Christ is Risen

**All:** He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

## Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.

All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near;  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:

hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:

ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the 'Amen'  
sound from his people again,  
gladly for ay we adore him.

## Prayer of Penitence

Jesus Christ, we acclaim you as risen Master and triumphant Lord and we give thanks for your victory over sin and death. As we rejoice in the new life you offer to all who turn to you, we recognise our faults and failings and, calling to mind our sins, seek your grace that we might live anew.

*We keep a moment's silence to recall our sins.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are often afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe and put our trust in you.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in 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

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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 go out to their group now, returning at The Peace.*

## ☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☞

**First reading:** Acts 17: 22-31

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

**Reader:** Hear the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 66: 7-11 + 14-18

*The Psalm is underscored by the organist.*

- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 **If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- 18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

**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 Alleluias are sung through once, before we all sing them together.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A E D E A D E

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the Alleluia. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. Below the bass staff, the chords A, E, D, E, A, D, E are indicated. The second system has a key signature of one sharp and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. Below the bass staff, the chords A, E, Bm, E, A, D, E, A are indicated.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die”.

*We repeat the alleluias.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 14: 15-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sing the Alleluias again.*

**Sermon**

**Anthem**

*‘The Call’ from Five Mystical Songs by Vaughan Williams*

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All:** and also with you

*Please greet those around you as brothers and sisters of Christ,  
then be seated as the altar is prepared and the collection taken.*

### Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

*continued over...*

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*Tune: HYFRYDOL*

## Prayer

All: Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
Amen.

## 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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All: Lord by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the World.**

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.*

*During Communion James sings  
'Come down, O Love divine' and 'Ave Verum Corpus'*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All: God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Final Hymn

God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year.  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From the east to utmost west  
wherever feet have trod,  
through the mouths of his messengers  
echoes forth the voice of God:  
'Listen to me, ye continents,  
ye islands, give ear to me,  
that the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.'

How can we do the work of God,  
how prosper and increase  
harmony in the human race,  
and reign of perfect peace?  
What can we do to urge the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

*continued over...*

March we forth in the strength of God,  
his banner is unfurled,  
let the light of the gospel shine  
in the darkness of the world;  
strengthen the weary, heal the sick  
and set ev'ry captive free,  
that the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All our efforts are nothing worth  
unless God bless the deed;  
vain our hopes for the harvest tide  
till he brings life to the seed.  
Yet ever nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

*Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)*  
*adapted by Michael Forster (b.1946)*

*Tune: BENSON*

## Notices

### The Blessing & Dismissal

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the  
dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen.



**All:** Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# NOTICES

- Pick up a free copy of our **newsletter** today with details of events and activities that have happened or are coming up.
- **Refreshments** will be served after this service, and all are welcome to stay for them and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** that will begin at 12.30 sharp!
- **Second Sunday Lunch** will still go ahead today - though later than usual at 1.45. All are welcome to join the party going to Bitsro1.
- **Bible Study** is this Wednesday from 9-10 in Sacred Grounds following Morning Prayer.
- Last week's fabulous **quiz night** raised £XXX to be split between St Anne's and War Child. Thanks to all who came and had a great time for a good cause, but special thanks to **Lady Lambrini and Mr Martini** for a wonderful evening. Thanks to Jacob and Sharif too!

**Ascension Day** will be marked on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May with Holy Communion at 8.30 and the Sunday after when our guest preacher will be former sacrist of St Paul's Cathedral and chaplain to Bishop Sarah, Revd Robert Coupland. We are glad he can join us before he takes up a new post as a vicar in Southgate.



We remember with love those who've died recently,  
and all who are commemorated through our Easter Flowers:

Wong Ah Boon  
Wong Ah Chai  
Liz Bramley  
Sheila Brenan  
Paula & Alan Buckley  
Bryan Burrough  
Barbara Collins  
Marlena Conway  
Ron Dawson  
Isabel & Jack Drummond  
Mary Farrington  
Maurice & Pauline Florence  
Jean Head  
Mary Henry  
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Wong Poh Lan  
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Robby Rang  
Lucia Rosada  
Mr & Mrs Thevathasan  
Kumar Thevathasan  
Patryk Witkowski  
Ann Witts  
Betty Wright  
Vera

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



# 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)**

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