

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16TH AUGUST 2026



The Eucharist

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you.

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant and Preacher is:
The Revd David Francis Darling
Hon Assistant Priest of St Anne's.

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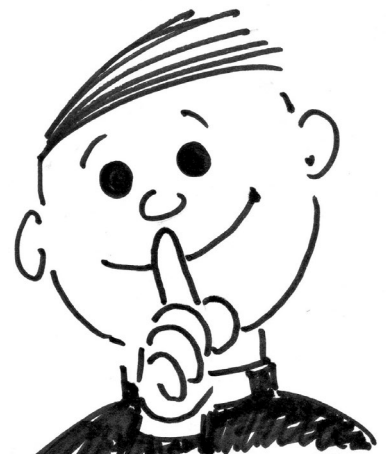
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayer of Penitence

Today we keep the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and give thanks for her calling to be the mother of Jesus. Courageous in responding to God's call, she was faithful to Christ in his life and stood by him at his death, and she was with the apostles when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the church.

As we give thanks for her faithfulness, we pray that we may be inspired by her example and, conscious of our failings, seek to pattern our lives after her.

In a moment of quiet let us call to mind our sins and weaknesses.

For the times when we have not responded to the call of God upon our lives, or been deaf to the needs of our neighbour,
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

For the times when pursuing our own ambitions and pleasures has diverted us from living faithfully as disciples of Christ,
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

For the times when we have not sought the unity of the church or been negligent in playing our part in its life and witness,
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

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

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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 Liturgy of the Word ☞

First reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Underscored by the organist.

- 1 I will sing a new song to my God,
for you are great and glorious,
truly strong and invincible.
- 2 **May your whole creation serve you,
for you spoke and all things came to be.**
- 3 You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed,
for no one can resist your voice.
- 4 **Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths;
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.**
- 5 But to those who fear you,
you continue to show mercy.
- 6 **No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,
but whoever fears the Lord
shall stand in your sight for ever.**

Judith 16.13-16

**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 opening refrain before we all join in.

♩ = 104

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the Alleluia. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 104. The melody for the top part begins with a half rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom part provides a harmonic accompaniment with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the top staff, and '(Al - le - lu - ia)' is written below the bottom staff.

All: Alleluia. (sung)

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1: 46-55

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

Led today by Nigel Percival

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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

For Mary, mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the word
she should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
made answer willingly.

The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,
and so God's will was done;
the second Eve love's answer made
which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain,
and knew the cost of love divine
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee,
there comes a joy and holiness
to ev'ry family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

And now we give you thanks
because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son
you have exalted the humble and the meek.
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;
with all generations we call her blessed
and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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

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: God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)
based on Luke 1:46-55

Tune: WOODLANDS

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

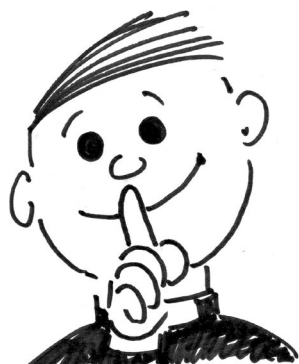
All: Amen.

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 – either to enjoy them or enjoy helping Adrian serve them!
- Pick up a copy of our free newsletter and see what's coming up (and maybe what you've missed).
- As the Rector is on holiday for two weeks there are no services on weekdays, other than Holy Communion at 1.05 Tuesdays.
- The full programme of weekday services resumes on Tuesday 25th August and Thursday Lunches resume the week after.

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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