

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH 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 Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's, Soho

The Preacher is:
The Revd Robert Coupland
Vicar Designate of Christchurch, Southgate

Organist
James Hendy

Soloist
Christine Cunnold

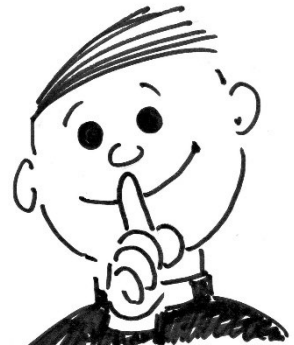
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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.**



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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

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ the Lamb, for sinners giv'n, alleluia!
enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!

Lo, the heav'n its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
calls the human race his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads; alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer of Penitence

Jesus Christ, we acclaim you as risen Master and triumphant Lord, and rejoice that you have ascended to the Father, that where you are we may also be. As we prepare ourselves to meet him there, let us call to mind our failures, our weaknesses and sins.

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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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: Acts 1: 6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68: 1-10

The Psalm is underscored by the organist.

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 **As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.**
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.**

**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 a piano and guitar. Each system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) 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, guitar chords are indicated: 'A E D E A D E' for the first system and 'A E Bm E A D E A' for the second system. The second system includes a double bar line and a change in time signature to 3/8.

Alleluia, alleluia

Go, and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

Alleluia.

We repeat the alleluias.

All: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 17: 1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sing the Alleluias again.

Sermon

Anthem

“I’ll Walk with God”

by Nicholas Brodsky

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:

Merciful Father,

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

✠ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ✠

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords
is his, is his by right.
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'n's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace is giv'n:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Tune: ST MAGNUS

Prayer

All: Father, by your Holy Spirit
you keep the Church in unity and truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and forever.
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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promise gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

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.

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The first system has two lines of music. The second system has two lines of music. The third system has two lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin ____ of the world: have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.' for the first two systems, and 'Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin _ of the world: grant us peace.' for the third system.

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 Christine sings:
Eternal Monarch King Most High &
Prayer of St Theresa by Margaret Rizza.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Refrain

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Refrain... Yours the glory and the crown,

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Refrain... Yours the glory and the crown,

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Refrain... Yours the glory and the crown,

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Refrain... Yours the glory and the crown,

Michael Seward (b.1932)

Tune: GUITING POWER

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,



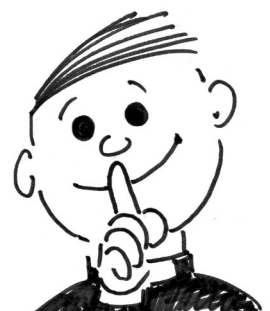
Go in the peace of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

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 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
Alexandra James
Sarah Knowling
Julie Lee
Andy Matheou



Dorothy McCall
Maurice John McCarthy
Tim Miller
Leotta Moore
Rosemary Nutt
Ian Pennel
Doreen Percival
Jean Percival
Wong Poh Lan
Howard Radford
Robby Rang
Lucia Rosada
Mr & Mrs Thevathanan
Kumar Thevathanan
Ptryk Witkowski
Ann Witts
Betty Wright
Vera

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



NOTICES

- **At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting** last week Trevor Froggatt was elected to serve alongside Robbie Drummond as Churchwardens. The meeting welcomed the proposal that Daniel He and Vanessa Wells should support them as Deputy Wardens. Additionally, Beverly Ellie and Daniel He were both elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council, and Andy Mackay was re-elected to serve as Deanery Synod Representative.
- **Please pick up a copy of our newsletter and the APCM report** and familiarise yourself with the activities of St Anne's.
- **The next meeting of the PCC** will be on Sunday 21st June after the service.
- **The Archdeacon's Visitation** will take place on Wednesday 3rd June from 5pm, and members of PCC are requested to meet with him during that evening (details to follow).
- **The School's Food Feast** is on 6th and 7th June in St Anne's Gardens - to purchase tickets (£20 plus booking fee) please visit www.sohofoodfeast.co.uk
- **More Coffee Vicar?** Due to popular demand Sacred Grounds is now open until 7pm Thursday-Saturday.
- **This week** we welcome children from Pencoys School in Cornwall to roll out their sleeping bags for two nights sleep-over in the Community Hall while they explore London. Weekday services as usual, but no Soho Seniors' lunch this week.