ST ANNE'S, SOHO

REQUIEM

1ST NOVEMBER 2026 – 5PM

A service of Holy Communion
with the music of Fauré's Requiem

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho for a special service of remembrance.

The Celebrant & Preacher is
The Revd Simon Buckley
Rector of St Anne's, Soho

Organist **Annie Lydford-Holland**

Singers
Catherine Harrison
Jacob Fitzgerald
Jacob Clark
Jack Holton

Before the service begins:
On the slip of paper in this service sheet please write legibly the name of whoever you have lost who is particularly on your mind. During the service you will be invited to place their names before the altar, and later all the names will be read out. Please ensure your phone is switched off or on silent.

During the service:
We ask that you do not make recordings or take photographs during the service. At the end of the service, however, you are welcome to take a photograph of your loved one's name as a memento of this evening.

Emotions may be stirred and memories recalled during the service. Please do not feel embarrassed or awkward if that is the case for you. Remember that tears can be healing.

Anyone who normally receives communion here, or in another church, is welcome to receive this evening. If you would like to receive a blessing come forward and cross your arms and bow your head. Alternatively remain quietly in your seat as the choir sings.

After the service:
There is no collection taken during this service but if you are able to make a contribution towards the cost of holding this service, that would be greatly appreciated. Cash can be placed in the donations box and there is a contactless machine by the noticeboard.

Please leave quietly at the end of the service so those who wish to remain for a moment of quiet before their loved one's name may do so.

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.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

All: Heavenly Father,
you have not made us for darkness and death,
but for life with you for ever.
Without you we have nothing to hope for;
with you we have nothing to fear.
Speak to us now your words of eternal life.
Lift us from anxiety and guilt
to the light and peace of your presence,
and set the glory of your love before us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit

Introit and Kyrie

During which the altar is censed.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine	*Rest eternal give them, Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and let light always shine on them.*
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion	*It is right to hymn you, God, in Sion*
et tibi reddetur	*and to you will be made*
votum in Jerusalem.	*a vow in Jerusalem.*
Exaudi orationem meam,	*Hear my prayer,*
ad te omnis caro veniet.	*to you all flesh will come.*
Kyrie eleison,	*Lord have mercy,*
Christe eleison,	*Christ have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison.	*lord have mercy.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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: Wisdom 3: 1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Underscored by the organist

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

**6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**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.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading – John 11: 17-27

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn

Please remain seated

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) *EVENTIDE*

Offertoire

During the Offertoire you are invited to light a candle before the altar and place any names you have written in front of it.

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriae
libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriae
libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis
ne absorbeat eus Tartarus ne cadant in obscurum.
Hostias et preces tibi Domine, laudis offerimus
tu suscipe pro animabus illis
quarum hodie memoriam facimus
Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eus.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, King of glory
free the souls of the dead
from the punishment of hell and the deep pit.
O Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the dead souls from the mouth of the lion,
so they are not swallowed by hell and do not fall into darkness.
Sacrifices and prayers to you, Lord, with praise we offer
receive them for those souls
whom today we remember.
Make them, Lord, to cross over from death to life
as once you promised to Abraham and to his seed.

Prayer of Preparation

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for glory.

All: 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.

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
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In him who rose from the dead
our hope of resurrection dawned.
The sting of death has been removed
by the glorious promise of his risen life.

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:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	*Holy, holy, holy,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth	*Lord God of hosts*
pleni sunt coeli et terra	*the heavens and earth*
gloria tua	*are full of your glory,*
hosanna in excelsis.	*hosanna in the highest.*

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:

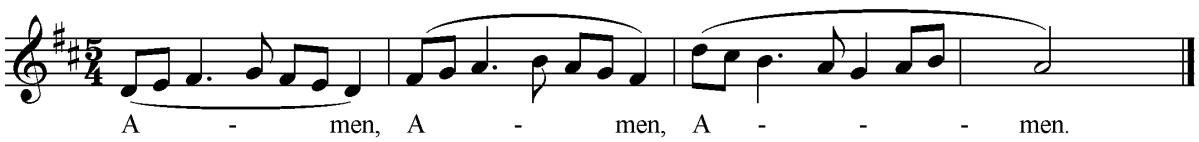
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
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.

All:

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats this bread, they will live forever.

All: **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Please sit and wait to be invited forward to receive Communion or a blessing.
If you usually receive Communion in another church,
you are very welcome to do so here.

To indicate that you would prefer a blessing,
please cross your hands over your chest as you step forward.

Pie Jesu and Agnus Dei

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem
dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem

Merciful Jesus, Lord, give them rest
give them rest, eternal rest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem.
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
give them rest.
Let light eternal shine on them, Lord,
with your saints for eternity,
for you are merciful.
give them eternal rest, Lord,
and let light always shine on them.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

All: they are at peace.

The names of those we remember are read aloud.

Jesus said:
This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

All: and I will raise them up at the last day.

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All: God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.
Amen.

Libera Me

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem
Tremens factus sum ego et timeo
dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira
Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae
dies illa, dies magna et amara valde.
Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis
Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
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Free me, Lord, from death eternal
on that day of dread
when the heavens and the earth will be shaken
when you come to judge the world with fire.
I tremble, and am afraid
awaiting the trial and the coming anger.
That day, a day of anger, of calamity and misery,
that day, the day of great and exceeding bitterness,
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpertual light shine upon them.
Free me, Lord, from death eternal
on that day of dread
when the heavens and the earth will be shaken
when you come to judge the world with fire.

The Blessing & Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do 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.

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

In Paradisium

In Paradisum deducant Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

May angels draw you into paradise,
on your arrival, may the martyrs receive you
and lead you into the holy city Jerusalem.
May the chorus of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may you have eternal rest.

If at all possible, please make a contribution towards the cost of this service as you leave.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	**11.00am**	**Sung Eucharist**
Sunday	**5.00pm**	**Holy Communion** ***(first Sunday of the month)***
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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