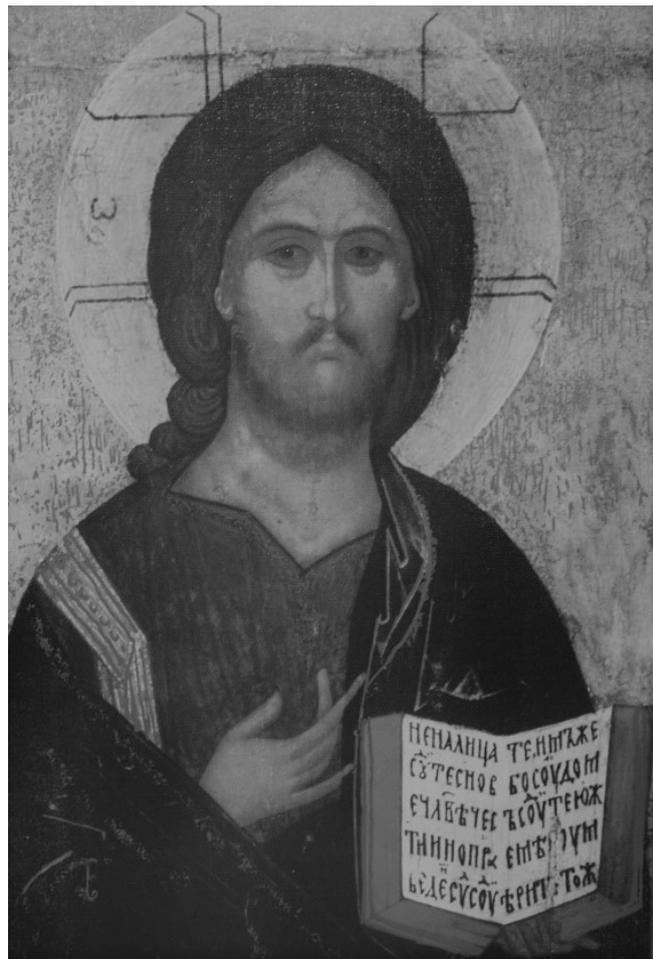


# ST ANNE'S, SOHO

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026



The Eucharist

# Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is  
**The Revd Simon Buckley**  
*Rector of St Anne's*

The Preacher is  
**The Revd Martha Pennel**  
*Curate of St Anne's*

Organist  
**Annie Lydford-Holland**

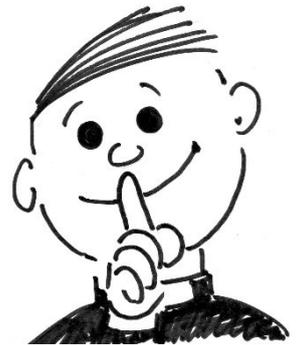
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

[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.**



**Live-streaming and Safeguarding:** The camera is pointed away from the congregation during the service and switched off whilst people are receiving communion. Please do not take on any role within the service that may take you in front of the camera, if you do not consent to your image being recorded. **Filming by members of the congregation is not permitted in church.**

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

1

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

2

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight,  
and to the rescue came.

3

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail.

4

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all divine.

5

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

6

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

*Tune: GERONTIUS*

## The Lord's Summary of the Law

In his passion and death we see Christ's love for God and humankind.

Christ calls us to follow his example, and to show that same love through our lives.

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

God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*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, repetitive melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests.

## 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

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

*A reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning,  
more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**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 Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!

Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour! Christ Jesus, Lord and Saviour! Christ

## 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 11: 1-45

*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

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

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

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heav'n,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled, and mourned and died,  
for love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
his love must be most wonderful,  
if he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know  
his love for me so free and sure;  
but 'tis more wonderful to see  
my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All:** Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.  
**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 just,  
our duty and salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with the angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and saying:



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.

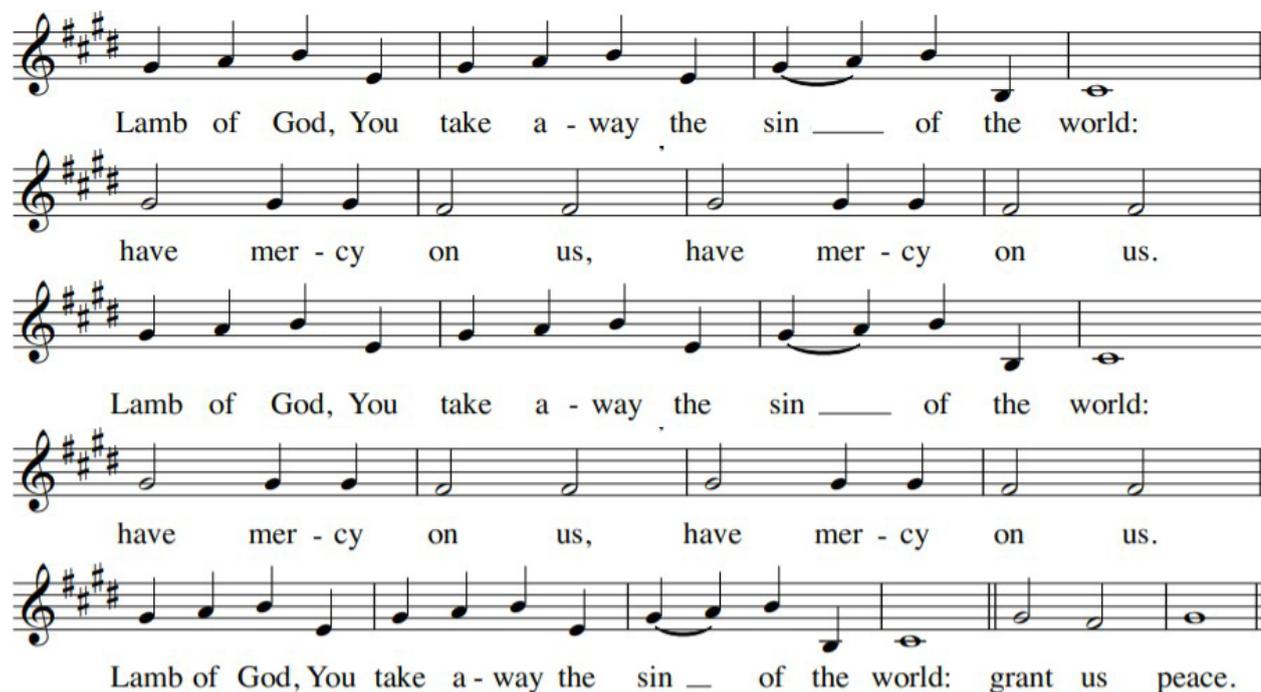
## Breaking of the Bread

*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: Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope, though all deride,  
will turn to gain this bitter loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, 'God is love';  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

The cross! it takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave  
to face the darkness of the night;  
it takes the terror from the grave,  
and gilds the bed of death with light.

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heav'n above.

## Notices

### The Dismissal & Blessing

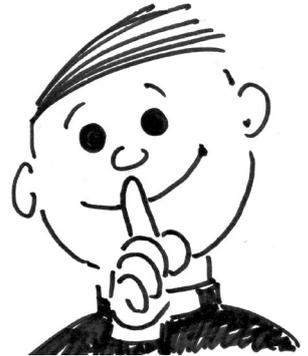
Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and assurance of sins forgiven:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**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!
- **If you would like to give a donation towards the Easter flowers** in memory of a loved one, please use one of the yellow envelopes to record your donation and the name/s you would like included in this years 'Roll of memory'. It need not be someone who has died recently, but should be someone known to you personally.
- Wednesday is the **Feast of the Annunciation** and so Morning Prayer will be replaced with Holy Communion at 8:30am.
- Don't forget: the **clocks go forward** next Saturday night!
- **Roll up, roll up!** Ahead of the Annual church meeting (two months away) we want to be sure that everyone who has been coming to St Anne's for at least six months, and who considers this 'their church', is signed up to the Electoral Roll. Please speak with Gavin Gerrard or email him to sign up or check that you are already on the list [electoralroll@stanne-soho.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@stanne-soho.org.uk).

# 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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