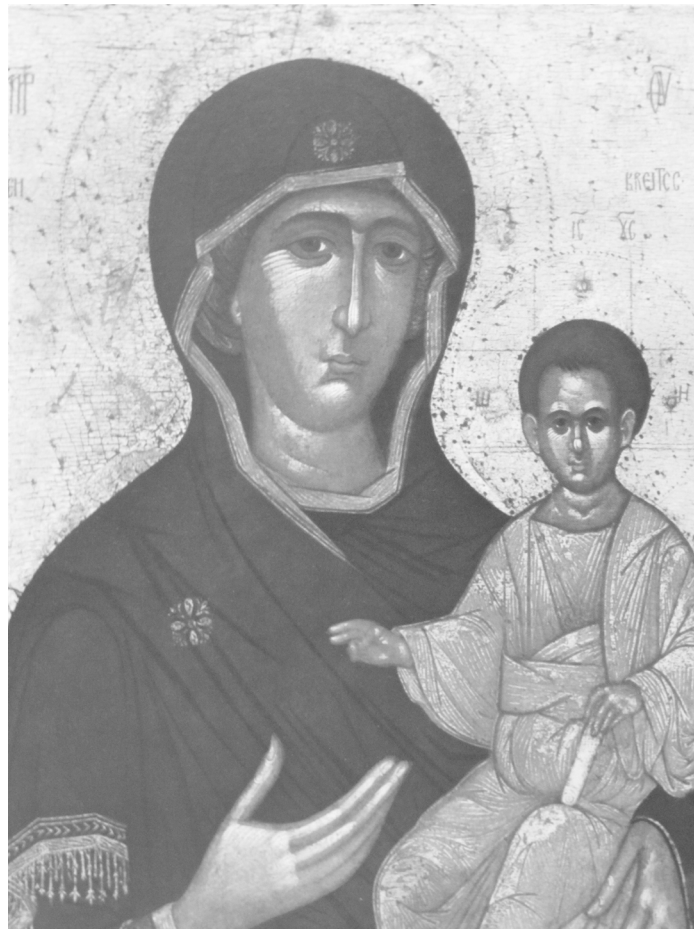


ST ANNE'S, SOHO

ADVENT SUNDAY

30TH NOVEMBER 2025



The Eucharist

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

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant is:
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Rector of St Anne's, Soho

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

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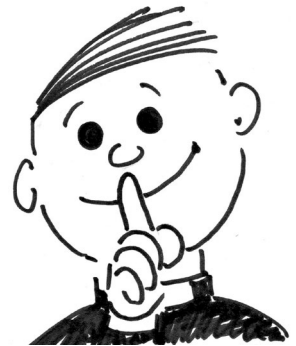
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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.**



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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

Please Stand

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!...

O come, thou dayspring come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and deaths dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!...

O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice!...

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the Law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!...

The Advent wreath

As we light the first candle in the Advent Wreath
we remember Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith.
We give thanks for all those who
in the centuries before the birth of Jesus,
lived by trust and obedience to God

A candle is lit on the Advent wreath and this prayer is said:

All: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath

Let us bring into the Light of Christ
the darkness of our world
its pain and sadness,
and our own mistakes and failings.



Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Kyrie...

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
release us from life's shadows.
Christ, have mercy.
All: Christe...

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Kyrie... x2

Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☞

First reading: **Isaiah 2: 1-5**

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Reader Hear the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
- 7 'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

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.

Taizé Chant

The Cantor sings this once before we sing it three times.

Canon I II



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24: 36-44

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Anthem

Sleepers Wake by JS Bach

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.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

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

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Hark, a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiv'n.

So that when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then, as our defender,
on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Tune: MERTON

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 and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the
world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:



We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

Christ is the bread of life

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Anne and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



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

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

Sung by all

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.
Amen.

*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.

*During Communion James sings
'Creator of the Starry Height'
And leads us in singing the Taizé Chant
'Wait for the Lord'*



Prayer after Communion

All: O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

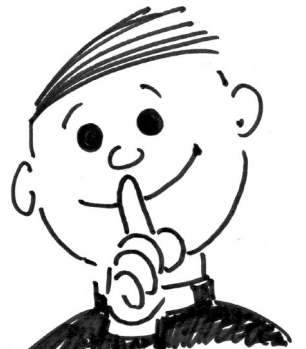
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,
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

- As always everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after this service.
- **The PCC** meet today 12:45 in the Allen Room.
- **Advent candles** are on sale after this service for £10, (and now glass holders – only £2!), and we have an Advent Calendar for each of the children.
- **This week:**
 - **Tuesday Tea** is on Tuesday (who'd have thought?) from 3-4:30pm and all are welcome.
 - **Christmas Tree switch-on** is on Friday 5th in St Anne's Gardens at 4pm. Carols, mince pies and mulled wine for everyone! Please come along and begin the build up towards Christmas with us.
- **Looking ahead:**
 - **Carol-a-oke: A week on Thursday 11th** - a night of sing-a-long fun in Sacred Grounds (see noticeboard for details).
 - **Sunday 14th December is a Soho Parish Sunday** and, by popular demand, Fr Simon will be reprising his Advent Windows puppet play as part of that service. Please spread the word among families with children about this service.
 - **Sunday 21st at 5:30pm** - a festive evening of live music, mince pies and mulled wine with the acclaimed **4 Strings Quartet** - all in support of the youth homelessness charity, Centrepont.
- **Help!** If you live in Soho please help us to advertise our Christmas Services by taking a poster today to display on the noticeboard in your block of flats, or ask your favourite business to display one.

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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