

# ST ANNE'S, SOHO

## EASTER DAY

20th APRIL 2025

11am



Eucharist of the Resurrection

# Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant & Preacher is

**The Revd Simon Buckley**

*Rector of St Anne's, Soho*

Organist

**Annie Lydford-Holland**

Soprano

**Christine Cunnold**

*We gather quietly in the dark before the service starts.*

## Welcoming of the Paschal Candle

### The Light of Christ

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light.

May we and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

*The Paschal Candle is prepared.*

Christ yesterday and today.

**All: The beginning and the end.**

Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him  
and all ages.

**All: To him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Candle is pierced with five brass pins*

◆ By his holy ◆ and glorious wounds

◆ may Christ our Lord ◆ guard us ◆ and keep us.

*The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

Banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Candle is carried in and raised three times and we sing:*

The light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Paschal Candle is put in place*

*as the organ thunders and bells are rung, our candles are then lit as*

***The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung***

*to lead us into our first hymn, during which the altar is censed.*

## Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

*John Baptist Walsh (1750–1825)*

EASTER HYMN

## The Easter Anthems

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**All: Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**All: In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

**All: For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

All sing: 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

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**First reading:** Acts 10: 34 – 43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Reader:** Hear the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*



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.

I am the first and last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

*We repeat the alleluias again.*

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

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*John 20: 1-18*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sing the Alleluias again.*

*Please extinguish your candles carefully and be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Anthem**

*"I know that my redeemer liveth" from Handel's Messiah*

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*We stand as we are able.*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions.

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All: I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All: I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All: I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All: I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All: I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All: I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

*The priest stands before the water of baptism and says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All: who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan:  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep water of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Bless this water, that we who are washed in it may be made one with  
Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith,  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All:** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**All:** Amen

*The people are sprinkled with holy water.*

**All:** Almighty God we thank you for our fellowship in the household  
of faith with all who have been baptized in your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Intercessions

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his  
glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches

may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter,  
we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war may cease in Ukraine, Gaza and through all  
the world, we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,  
the weak and the dying,

to comfort and strengthen them, we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises,

all who have died in the faith of the resurrection  
may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,  
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,

so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;

through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:** and also with you. Alleluia.

*Please greet those around you as brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Then be seated as the altar is prepared and the collection is taken.*

## Offertory Hymn

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

*Alleluia, Alleluia...*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

*Alleluia, Alleluia...*

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

*Alleluia, Alleluia...*

God has proclaimed the just reward:

Life for us all, alleluia!

*Alleluia, Alleluia...*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Alleluia, Alleluia...*

Donald Fishel (b.1950)

arr. Andrew Moore

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

**All:** Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
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,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing  
for ever the hymn of your glory:

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name...

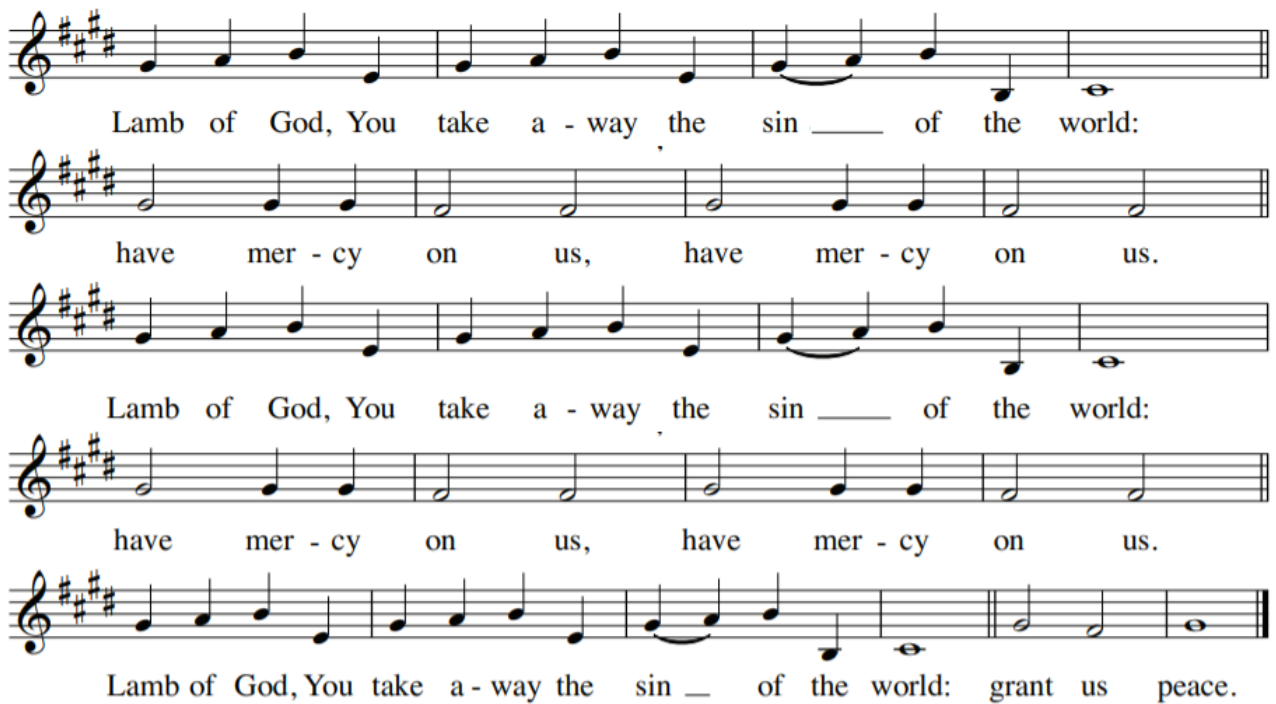
# Breaking of the Bread

*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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All are welcome to gather around the altar, as directed,  
to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*During communion Christine sings  
“Christians on this Day of Gladness” by JS Bach  
and  
“At the Lamb’s High Feast we sing”*

## Prayer after Communion

**All:** God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Final Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmund Louis Budry (1854-1932)

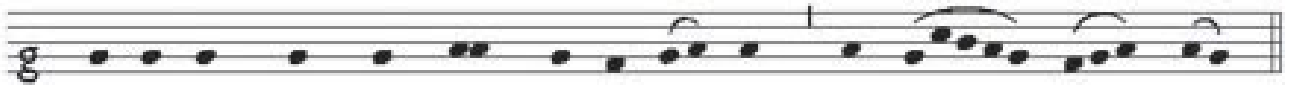
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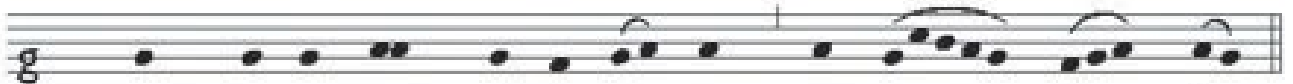
### The Dismissal & Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All:** Amen.



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.

## Recessional

# NOTICES

- Lunch at Bistro1 will follow this service. Feel free to join the party and keep the Easter Celebration going! (approximate cost £20-25 per person)
- The first of our two new staff members, Matthew Ward has now joined us as our Community and Events Coordinator, overseeing and promoting the various activities that take place within our building. He will be joined in early May by Annelie Hoffmeister who will be the Parish Administrator. You will be able to read more about them in the next edition of the newsletter due out in a couple of weeks.
- Weekday services and Thursday's Soho Seniors lunch continue as usual this week, but the church and office will be closed on Easter Monday for the bank holiday.
- Don't forget that to be on the new Electoral Roll you must sign up before next Saturday. The Annual Parochial Meeting is on 11th May at 12.30 and we are looking for two people to serve on the Parochial Church Council. It meets 5/6 times a year, usually on a Sunday, and helps support and direct the ministry and mission of St Anne's. Please think about whether this is something you could contribute to.





We remember with love those who've died recently,  
and all who are commemorated through our Easter Flowers:

Wong Ah Chai  
Wong Ah Boon  
Guy Bailey  
Barbara  
Sheila Brenan  
Paula & Alan Buckley  
Conchita  
Marlena Conway  
Isabel + Jack Drummond  
Mary Farrington  
Penny Ferguson  
Katherine Gordan  
Alexandra James  
Sarah Knowling

Julie Lee  
Andy Matheou  
Leotta Moore  
Rosemary Nutt  
Betty O'Dell  
Susan O'Dell  
Ian Pennel  
Mabel Perera  
Dwong Poh Lan  
Keith Riglin  
Lucia Rosada  
Shahin Shahablou  
Vera  
Desi Zamzow

and

HM Queen Elizabeth II

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



# REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S, SOHO

Sunday	11am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	5pm	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)**

*For Pastoral Care including home visits, prayers for healing and anointing, confessions, funeral services, weddings & baptisms please contact:*

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