

ST ANNE'S, SOHO

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8TH FEBUARY 2026



The Eucharist

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

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

The Celebrant & Preacher is:

The Revd Martha Pennel

Curate of St Anne's, Soho

Organist

Annie Lydford-Holland

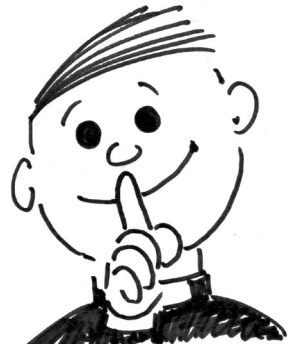
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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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.

Opening Hymn

God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes all creation,
he is love, eternal Love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Penitence

We gather in the presence of the God whose name is love, that we may become signs of that love in our world today.

As we give thanks for the love for us that God has shown in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, let us seek God's mercy and forgiveness for the times and ways in which we have failed to reflect that love, that we maybe cleansed from that sin which afflicts the human soul.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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.**

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

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

*Young members of St Anne's go out to their group now
and return during the offertory hymn.*

☞ The Liturgy of the Word ☛

First reading: Romans 8: 18-25

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-end

The Psalm is underscored by the organist.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders,
for his mercy endures for ever;

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- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 **Who laid out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 7 Who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 **The sun to rule the day,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 **Who remembered us when we were in trouble,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies,
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 **Who gives food to all creatures,
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures 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

The Priest sings the Alleluias before we all sing them together.



All: Alleluia. (sung)

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6: 25-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

All: Alleluia. (sung)

Sermon

The sermon is followed by a short piece of music.

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:

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

✠ The Liturgy of the Sacrament ✠

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

All: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

*Please greet one another and
then be seated to sing the hymn as the altar
is prepared and the collection taken.*

Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev' ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu; alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.*

v.1: Karen Lafferty

Tune: SEEK YE FIRST

vs. 2 & 3: unknown, based on Matthew 6:33, 7:7

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.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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:



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

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

*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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All: God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Melody Green
based on Scripture

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

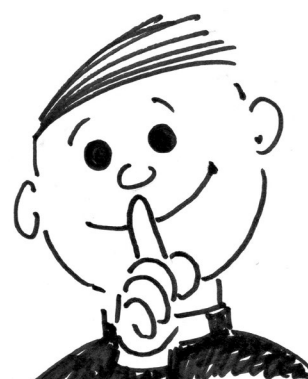
The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

- **During this service** children are invited to go to the Allen Room for their activities led today by Josh and Fergus.
- **The latest edition of our newsletter** is out today - please do pick up a free copy.
- **After this service** all are welcome to stay for tea and coffee as always and, if you'd like to, join some of us for lunch at Bistro1 (we each pay our own way - 2 courses £16.90 plus drinks and service charge).
- **Ash Wednesday** and the start of Lent is not far away. On Tuesday 17th February there is no Tuesday Communion service, but there is a special service on Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 1.05pm with the imposition of ashes.
- **During Lent** we will be running an 'Adult Sunday School' after the Sunday service, 12.45-1.30pm in the Allen Room. We will cover four aspects of Christian faith and practice - Creeds, Confession, Communion and Community. Teaching and discussion. All welcome, free and no need to sign up. No Adult Sunday School on Mothering Sunday (15th March).
- Please note **Fr Simon is on leave** until 16th February, so please contact Revd Martha for all pastoral matters.

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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