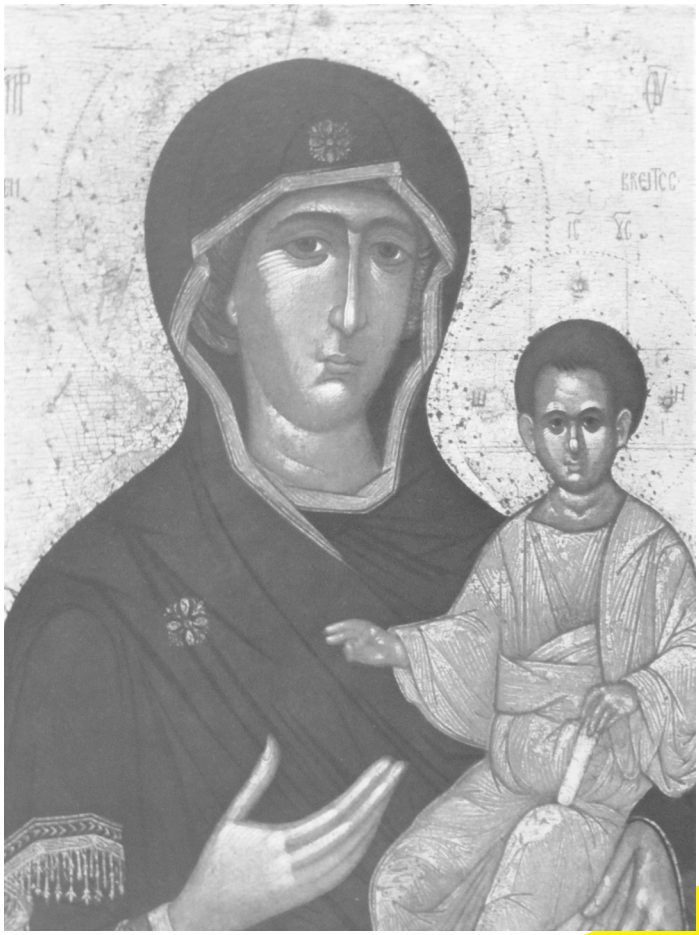
ST ANNE'S, SOHO

ADVENT SUNDAY

29TH NOVEMBER 2026



The Eucharist

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

Welcome to St Anne's Church, Soho

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

Organist
Annie Lydford-Holland

Singer
James Emerson

A special welcome to children and members of our school community today.

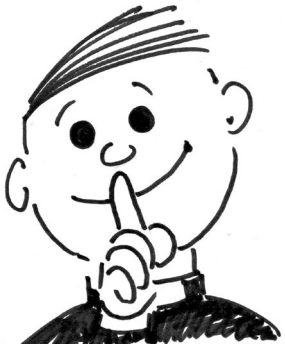
This order of service contains all you need to join in with our worship whether you are in St Anne's or joining us online –

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.
- **If you are in church, please save the chatter until the organ voluntary has concluded.**



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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!...

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) *Tune: VENI EMMANUEL*

The Advent wreath

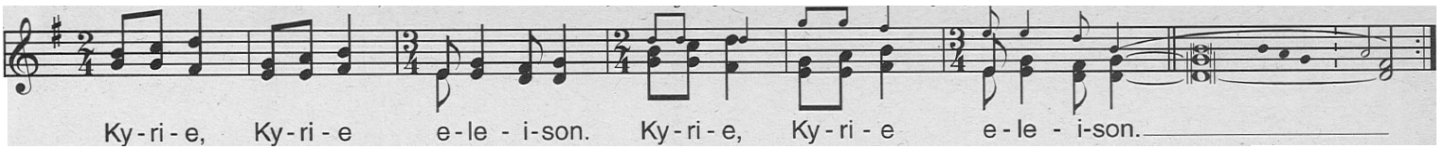
As we light the first candle in the Advent Wreath
we remember Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith.
We give thanks for all those who
in the centuries before the birth of Jesus,
lived by trust and obedience to God

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

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 call us to live in peace with our neighbour.
Forgive our divisions and disagreements.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Kyrie...**

Lord Jesus,
You showed us that to love is to serve.
Forgive our failure to be kind to others.
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christe...**

Holy Spirit,
You share with us the wisdom of God.
Forgive our reluctance to follow his ways.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Kyrie... x2**

Absolution

Almighty God,
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 64: 1-9

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Why, O God, do you not tear the sky open and come down from heaven, so that even the mountains would shake before you?
Come, and show your power to your enemies and make all the nations tremble in your presence. Make yourself known as you have done in generations past, and times long ago.

No one has ever seen or heard of a God like you: for you do good things for those who put their trust in you. You welcome those who delight in doing good, and embrace those who live according to your commandments.

Your children have sinned since ancient times and like them we have not turned to you in prayer or sought your help. Because of our sins we have dried up like the leaves of autumn and are blown away.
Your face is hidden from us, and we fear you have abandoned us.

But God, you are our Father, do not be angry with us but reshape us, just like a potter shapes the clay. Do not hold our sins against us, but re-make us in your mercy and compassion.

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

Psalm 80: 1-8

Underscored by the organist.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
Before all the tribes of Israel.

3 Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.

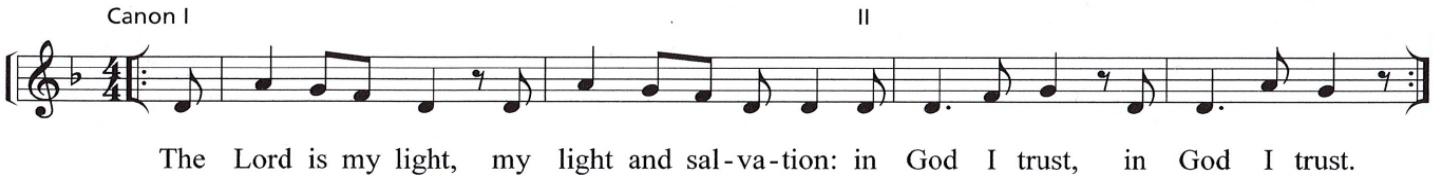
7 Our neighbours look down on us,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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.



Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading – Mark 13. 24- 26 & 32-end

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

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.

Homily

Anthem

Sleepers Wake by JS Bach

The Creed

All: **We believe in God the Father,**
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of Advent, of looking forward and waiting, let us bring to the Lord in prayer the things we long for:

1.We pray for the church, for its ministry of proclaiming the Good News of God's love, and of his presence revealed in Jesus, the baby born in Bethlehem. We pray that more people will follow Jesus and live in ways that reflect his life of kindness, service and peace.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

2.We pray for our world, that it may be a place in which all people are valued and all live in freedom and peace with their neighbour. We pray for an end to the wars which cause so much misery, and for the protection of people who suffer for their faith in Jesus.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**.

3.We pray for this community of Soho and for all who live, work and find a home here. We pray for our school, that it may be a place where young hearts and minds are nurtured; and we pray that Soho will always be a place that welcomes the stranger and the outcast.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

4.We pray for those we know to be finding life difficult just now. For those who live with illness or are undergoing treatment, those who feel over-worked or under-valued, and those who are lonely or fearful for the future. We pray that in this season of hope they may find joy.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

5.We pray for those who do not look forward to Christmas with excitement. Those who will spend their first Christmas without a loved one, those who cannot afford to buy for their children the things they would like. May your love dear God be their comfort and strength.
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We offer all these prayers to the God who loves us, hears us and has given us his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our hope and our salvation.

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b.1957)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All: we lift them to the Lord.

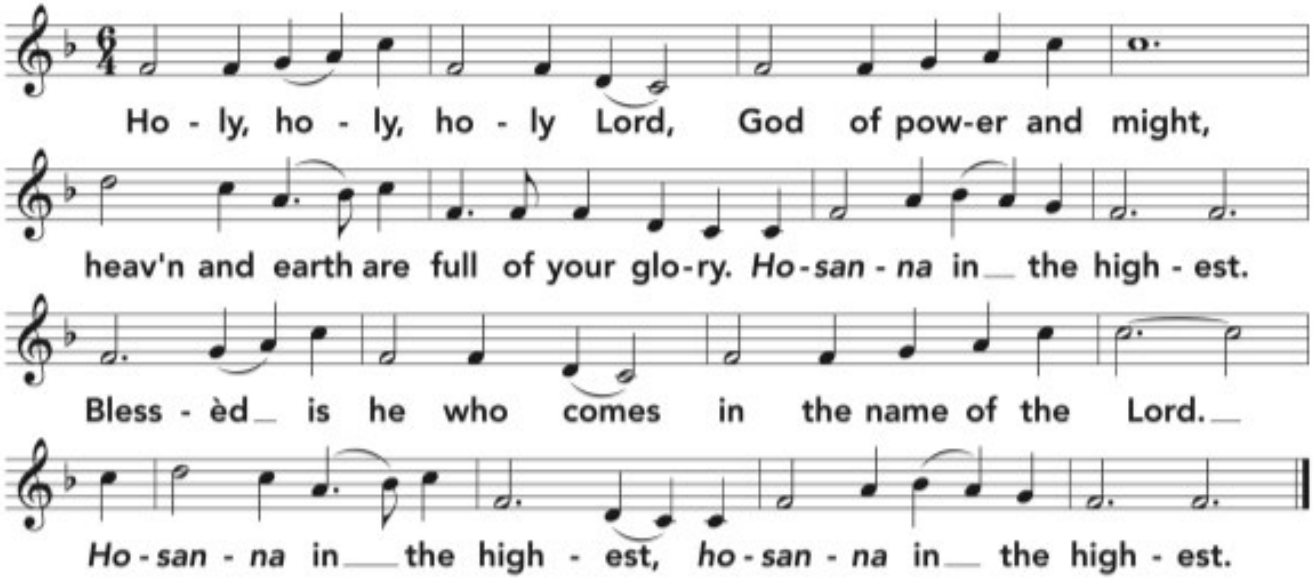
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: it is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

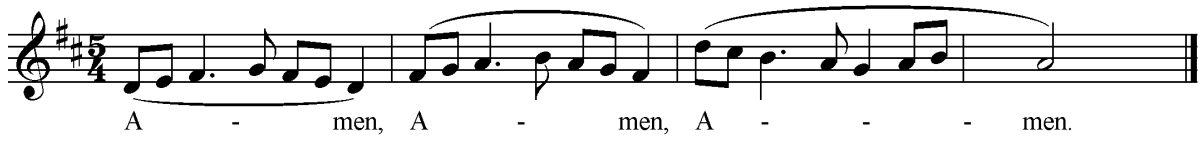
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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.

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

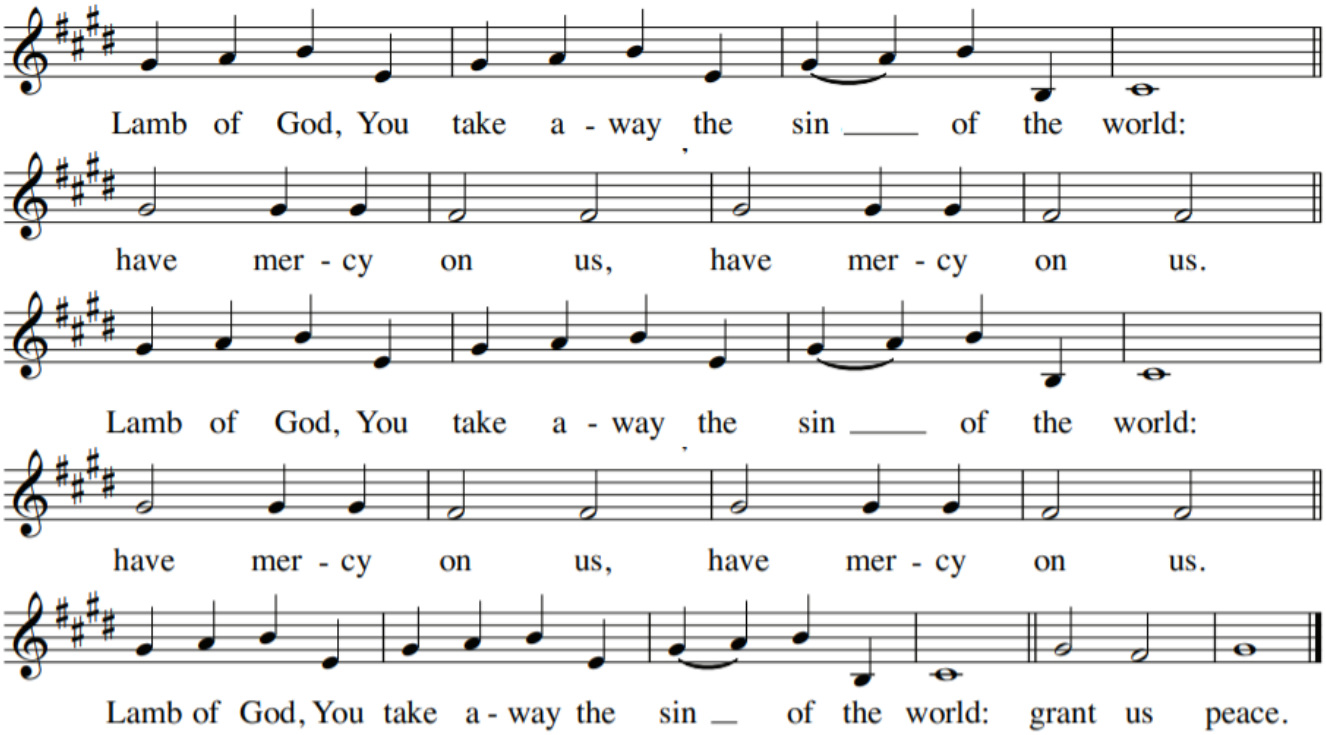
The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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



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.

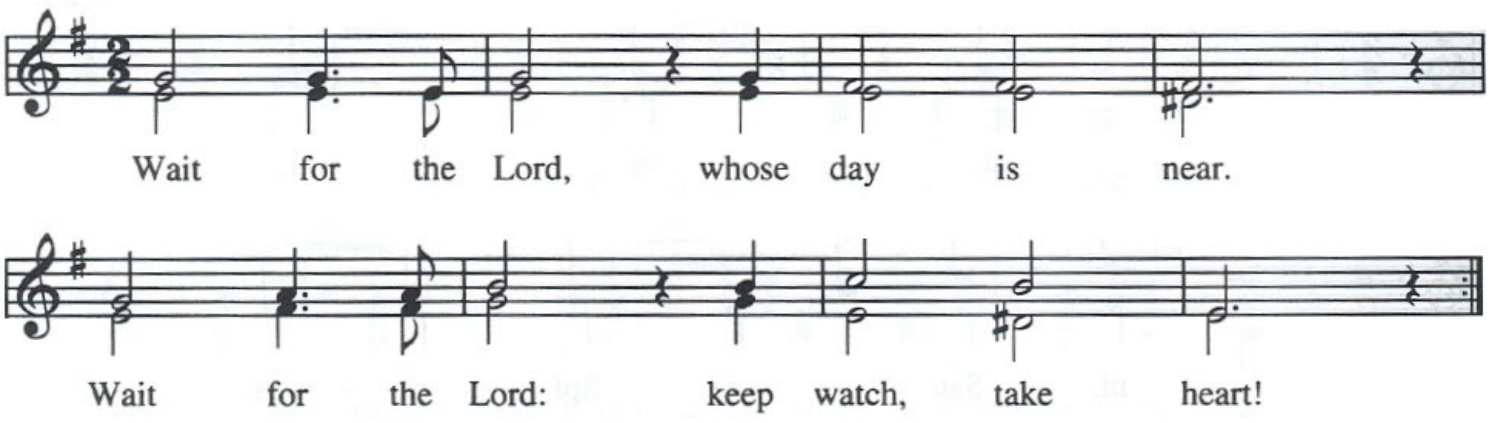
All are welcome to gather around the altar, as directed, to receive Communion or a blessing. If you are a visitor and usually receive Communion in your home church you are welcome to receive here.

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.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) *Tune: HELMSLEY*

Notices

The Blessing & Dismissal

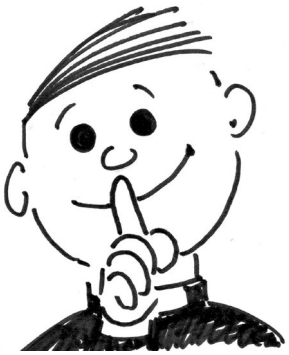
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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.

- **We have an Advent Calendar for each of the children** present today- if you count as a child (being childish, doesn't count!) don't go home without one.

- **This week:**
  - **Tuesday Tea** is on Tuesday (who'd have thought?) 1st December from 3-4:30pm and all are welcome.
  - **Christmas Tree switch-on** is this Friday 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-aoke: Thursday 10th & Saturday 12th** – two opportunities to enjoy a night of sing-a-long fun in Sacred Grounds (see noticeboard for details).
  - **Gathered at the Manger :** A Christmas Eve service at 5pm for all the family with carols, candles and puppets!

- **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.

- **Children! Please stay at the end of this service** to join in a craft activity with Josh, lasting about 30-45 minutes.

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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