

St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Mothering Sunday Informal Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Jacqueline Haniff-Bentham, Bridget Tongo

Server: Jenny Scotchmer

Chalice: Julie Adesina, Anthony Sullivan

Lessons: Clare Fullerton
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music: Bill Gloyn



There is no plant in the ground But tells of your beauty, O Christ.

There is no creature in the earth There is no life in the sea But proclaims your goodness.

There is no bird on the wing There is no star in the sky There is nothing beneath the sun But is full of your blessing.

Lighten my understanding
Of your presence all around O
Christ

Kindle my will

to be caring for Creation

From the Iona Community

This week Wednesday 13th March 20.00 Lent course by Zoom

Thursday 14th March 14.00—16.00 Café Church

Friday 15th March 10.00 Eucharist

Sunday 17th March 10.00 Parish Eucharist

HYMN 307 Hills of the north rejoice

GATHERING

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you and also with you. Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Brief Silence then say together

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. Amen

Brothers and Sisters to all and to each, on our community and friends, where regret is real, God pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again,

Lord have mercy X 3

Christ have mercy X 3

Lord have mercy X 3

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. Amen

FIRST READING Exodus 2: 1-12

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 194 For Mary mother of our Lord

GOSPEL Gospel Luke 33-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

HYMN 195 For the beauty of the earth

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

INTERCESSIONS

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Community as Lord and brother. We pray for mother earth. Turn the hearts of the powerful and wealthy to the common good of all and to care for and repair the damage done to our common home. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all affected by and suffering from human cruelty. We hold before you places of injustice and violence, of conflict, death and torture. We hold the people of Israel and Gaza in our



prayer this day, we remember also the people of Ukraine. Remind those of ill will that one day, no matter how feared and powerful they may be now, they will one day stand before you in silent shame.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. We pray for the sick and we also pray for those who care for them, we pray for economic justice and fairness for all who work in health and social care provision. We hold in prayer those who are ill and known to us. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as the son of your mother Mary, we pray for all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers today. We pray with gratitude for our own mothers whether they be with you in eternity or with us on earth. We remember mothers fleeing for their lives with their children and family from war, persecution, the effects of climate change and natural disaster. Let us always remember each of those mothers is Mary and each child Jesus. We hold in prayer those who wanted children but for whatever reason were unable to have them. We hold in prayer all those who have been separated from their children by circumstance or cruelty. We hold them in prayer before you. Maranatha

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember with love and gratitude those we have known and see no more who now are alive in you. We also hold in prayer those who have died and have no one to remember and mourn them. We also remember those who lost their lives attempting to reach safety and sanctuary. In a moment of silence, we hold them in prayer before you.

(a moment of silence)

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Be with us, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Anne, Joachim, Joseph, your mother Mary and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Silent prayer for our own intentions

SIGN OF 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you And also with you.

HYMN 120 Come down O love divine

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

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It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. Lord of all life, you created the



universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us friends and families, busy streets for young and old, the life of an earthly city. You

give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace fulfilled in your city to come. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.
This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.



Amen.

And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your Peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Distribution of Holy Communion Silence is kept.

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 692 Tell out my soul





We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.

Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

Please, please...remember Eat or Heat donations are now more needed than ever. As are children and toddler items for the suffering people of Ukraine.

Valentine Singers: The choir will be performing Bob Chilcott's St John Passion on Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm at The Drive Methodist Church, The Drive, Ilford, IG1 3PP. Advance tickets are available from Lindsey Archer for £16 (£9 students/benefit holders). On the door prices are £18 (£10 students/benefit holders). Free admission for under 16s.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for March: 6th Lily Burnett, 9th Dorothy Rossiter, Joan Page-Webster, 10th Peter Simpson, 11th Florence Digman, 12th Elsie Muscutt, 15th Linda Smith-Pryor, 17th John Barwick, Violet Gibbs, 18th Aglaia Macropoulos, Cyril Ives, 21st Bernice Foster, Anthony Foster, 22nd Kim Runeckles, 23rd Derek Palmer, 24th Betty Crawford, 27th John Wood.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen