



# St. Anne's Church, Chingford

**Easter 5 - 15th May 2022**

**Informal Eucharist 10.00**

- Welcomers:** Nina Hammarberg, Rosalind Tatam
- Server:** Eira Endersbee
- Chalice:** Eira Endersbee
- Lessons:** Nina Hammarberg
- Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer
- Music:** Peter Stannard

**HYMN** 625 Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him

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***This week***

Friday	20th May	10.00	Eucharist
Sunday	22nd May	10.00	Parish Eucharist
		12.30	Simple Lunch

## **GATHERING**

Creator, Son and Spirit, we gather together, to seek Your presence in our time of worship.

### **We are hungry for you**

Meet us at our point of deepest need. Connect us with the needs of others. Equip us to join in your creative work. Transform us more into your likeness.

### **We are hungry for your righteousness**

We gather with Jessica and Janet and their communities in Zimbabwe (this Christian Aid Week). May their stories make us hungry for justice and even more impatient for change.

### **We are hungry for your justice**

We gather with all of creation; with the mountains and the hills. We shall burst into song, with the trees of the field we will clap our hands.

### **We are hungry to praise you. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

Good God of creation, we sing praise to you.

But even as we raise our voices we know we have faltered and failed.

Walking on paths that turned our hearts inward,

sitting with those who scoffed at the cries of people in poverty,  
mocking those on the margins, denying the earth in her distress.

Too often our leaves have withered our branches are barren.

We have failed to be pruned and the axe is now poised.

Poised to cut down the excesses that crucify all creation,

the systems that impoverish all people, the privileges that diminish our faith.

But even now it is not too late.

For in the face of judgement comes the offer of grace

and the hope that deadwood can spring to life.

Where we have failed to bear good fruit and share your abundance for the earth

**God have mercy**

When our actions and intentions  
have been as chaff for the winds of heaven

**God have mercy**

Forgive us.

Restore us.

Inspire us now

to delight in your purposes,

to embrace your possibilities,

to inhabit your promises,

to flourish as fruit for the world you so love

and bring healing for all the nations. **Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on *you*,

forgive *you your* sins,

and bring *you* to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## **GLORIA**



**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;**

**Peace to all your people through the Earth be given.**

**Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,**

**Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;**

**With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.**

**Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,**

**Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world true Saviour, high and holy one,  
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:  
In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!**

Let us pray

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 11.1-18

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.' This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.

**HYMN** 4 A new commandment

**GOSPEL** John 13.31-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Glory to you, O Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

<sup>31</sup>During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN** 819 When I needed a neighbour

## 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

Creator God, cultivator of our faith, thank you for the privilege of living in this global garden planted to bear your fruit, to delight our tongues, to fill our bellies, to energise our bodies. You have given us life in all its fullness.

**You have given us life, yet millions still hunger.**

Take our gifts of money and use them to help Christian Aid support communities throughout the world, and partners who hunger to provide. But may our support not end here. May we be the seeds from which your kingdom grows.

In our hunger for peace, we pray for Zimbabwe Afghanistan Syria and all those other places to whom our hearts have become hardened through over-familiarity.

**They will hunger and thirst no more.**

In our hunger for justice, we pray for Jessica, Janet and all those known to us who hunger to provide for those they love in our global community.

**The sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat.**

In our hunger, we pray for your little ones, children who go to bed hungry, whose parents struggle to provide for them in times of desperate drought.

**God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

And in our hunger, we pray that you will fill us with your hope, your passion and your life, that we may go out from this place to give, act and pray. So all who hunger to provide may be filled to overflowing. In the name of Christ, farmer, gardener and cultivator, **Amen.**

### **SIGN OF 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

**And also with you.**

**HYMN** 96 Christ is made the sure foundation  
*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.**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na Ho - sa - na Ho - san - na  
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Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
 your face is turned towards your world.  
 In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
 to rescue us from sin and death.  
 Your Word goes out to call us home  
 to the city where angels sing your praise.  
 We join with them in heaven's song:

Father of all, we give you thanks  
 for every gift that comes from heaven.  
 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.*

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Notices*

## **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.

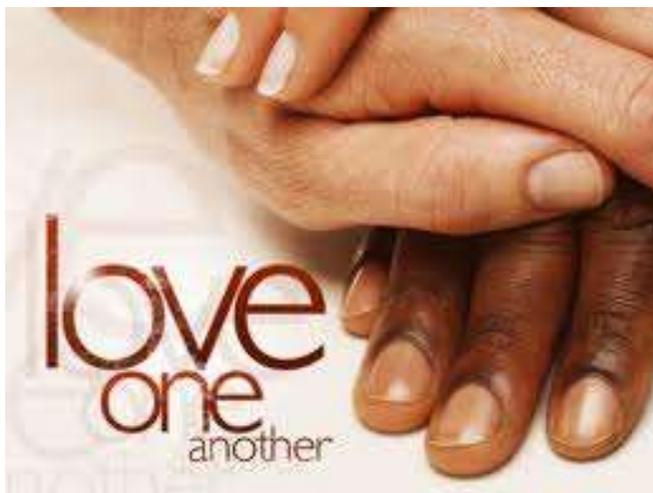
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HYMN**      223    Glorious things of thee are spoken



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*We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering 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 **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens .*

**Ukrainian Crisis-** To support those affected by the war in Ukraine we will continue to take retiring collections for the Christian Aid DEC appeal and to collect goods to be sent to Children's homes in Ukraine. For this we only need items on the list. These are all children's items and **do not include clothes.**

**Jubilee Celebration Event: Saturday 4th June 12 noon- 3pm.** - The Projects and Events Committee is firming up plans for our Platinum Jubilee celebration on 4th June. Attractions will include a ukulele band, refreshments, stalls, themed activities, competitions, children's activities. We hope all will want to come and join in. If you are able to help with refreshments or activities, or have memorabilia or photos through the decades since the 1950s (whether of St Anne's and around or further afield) that you would be happy for us to display or use in a quiz - or if you have a suggestion to add to the event - please have a word with Anthony Sullivan or Heather Gwynn.

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 May.** 2nd Eric Norton, 6th Kathleen Rickard, 12th Lillian Fisher, 18th Michael Tucker, Edna Mortimer, 21st Pauline Warner, 23rd Joan Pinder, 26th Winton Scotchmer, Doris Smy, 30th Winifred Sherman, Peter Potter.

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