



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Trinity 16 - 15th September 2023

Informal Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: David Sendall, Bridget Tongo
Server: Lindsey Archer
Chalice: Heather Gwynn, Anthony Sullivan
Lessons: Lisa Markham
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music: Bill Gloyn

HYMN 195 **For the beauty of the earth**

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 FORGIVENESS

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,



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| This week | Friday | 20th Sept | 10.00 | Eucharist |
| | Saturday | 21st Sept | 14.00 | Litter Pick |
| | Sunday | 22nd Sept | 10.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| | | | 12.30 | Simple Lunch |

taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal 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

O God, from whom all good proceeds:

You established your covenant with all creation. Guide us and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace, and honor you in our kinship with all your creatures; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Amen.

FIRST READING A reading from the book of wisdom 8. 1-5

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she governs all things exceedingly well.

I loved Wisdom and searched for her from my youth;
I resolved to have her for my spouse
and was in love with her beauty.

She manifests her noble birth by union of life with God,
for the Lord of all has loved her.

She is privy to the secrets of the knowledge of God
and chooses his works.

If riches are deemed a desirable possession in life,
what offers greater wealth than Wisdom who fashions everything that
exists?

If understanding is at work,
who is a more effective fashioner of whatever exists than she?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 338 I watched the sunrise

GOSPEL Gospel Matthew 6.25 - 34

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ .

REFLECTION

HYMN 24 All things bright and beautiful

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

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning,
God was.

Here and now,
God is.

In the future,
God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this *congregation* who desire or need your presence and help God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the Prayers with one of the following collects.

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sign of peace

Hymn 349 Immortal, invisible

God, Giver of life,

And also with you

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

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with

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

in the high - est Bless - ed Bless - ed is he who comes comes in the

name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na Ho -

- san - na Ho - san - na in the high - est

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins.

Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, spilt and buried, life sprang forth again.

In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen.

Through the giving in the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world and give us the broken oneness, the spilt unity, and the buried resurrection by which we can restore your creation and fulfil your will.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep.

Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh as your Word has made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

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

We pray for God's kingdom to come as our saviour taught us

**Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done, here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy 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

all your people. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth

Concluding prayer—

We pray together saying:

**Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom
and love you fed your people in the wilderness
with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
We thank you for feeding us with this bread.
May it strengthen us
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire
and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Amen.

Notices

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 599 Onward Christian pilgrims

**“Safeguard creation.
Because if we destroy
creation, creation will
destroy us! Never forget
this!”** (Pope Francis)

**Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things.
Every single creature is full of God, and is a book about God.**

Every creature is a word of God.

**If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature — even a
caterpillar —**

**I would never have to prepare a sermon, so full of God
is every creature.**

Meister Eckhart



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



Please remember Eat or Heat and the toddlers of Ukraine. Please continue—and thank you so much for the donation of goods so far—to add a little to your shopping that can be distributed to those most in need.

Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

St Anne's Litter Pick - The next St Anne's litter Pick will be on Saturday 21st September meeting at the church at 2pm. Equipment will be provided but if you have your own gloves they are likiely to be a better fit.

Coming soon

- Saturday 5th October** - 10-12 Jumble sale
- Thursday 28th November** - 2-5pm - Bazaar
- Saturday 30th November** - 10am-3pm - Bazaar

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 September; 1st Christopher Birchnall, 2nd Sheila Bryan, Hilda Scotchmer, 5th Ruth Wood, 6th Patricia Neighbour, 9th Doris Hebbard, Mary Taylor, 14th Alice Hughes, 17th Geoffrey Hebbard, 20th George Bates, 21st Mary Crosby, 22nd Alfred Frye, 24th Christine Ilsley, 29th Melvin Oakes.