

All Saints' Church Sanderstead
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green



PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 3 October 2021, 9.30am
18th Sunday after Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus, Changing lives, Serving our Community

Welcome. Today we begin a sermon series looking at St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles'.

If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards

You are invited to stand for the Hymn

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

[cont.]

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) trans. Catherine Winksworth (1827-1878)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *[from Hebrews 4:12]*

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city.

On our city:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness.

On us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

Grant us peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

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.

Amen.

<i>'Gloria in Excelsis'</i>

**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 special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word *Please be seated for the Bible Reading*

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout Achaia:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^[a] about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help

us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem by the choir – Litany to the Holy Spirit (words by Robert Herrick; music by Peter Hurford).

*In the hour of my distress
When temptations me oppress
And when I my sins confess
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.*

*When the house doth sigh and weep
And the world is drowned with sleep
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?'

³ 'What did Moses command you?' he replied.

⁴ They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.'

⁵ 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. ⁶ 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female". ⁷ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she

divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YOU SAINTS OF THE LORD

Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am Thy God, and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Richard Keen (c. 1787)

The Creed - You are invited to stand

The Apostles' Creed

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The priest greets the people in peace



We are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptized in one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We are bound by the love of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

HYMN

SAFE IN THE SHADOW OF THE LORD,

Beneath His Hand And Power,

I Trust In Him,

I Trust In Him,

My Fortress And My Tower.

My Hope Is Set On God Alone,

Though Satan Spreads His Snare,

I Trust In Him,

I Trust In Him,

To Keep Me In His Care.

From Fears And Phantoms Of The Night,

From Foes About My Way,

I Trust In Him,

I Trust In Him,

By Darkness As By Day.

His Holy Angels Keep My Feet

Secure From Every Stone;

I Trust In Him,

I Trust In Him,

And Unafraid Go On.

Strong In The Everlasting Name,

And In My Father's Care,

I Trust In Him,

I Trust In Him,

Who Hears And Answers Prayer.

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Safe In The Shadow Of The Lord,
Possessed By Love Divine,
I Trust In Him,
I Trust In Him,
And Meet His Love With Mine.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, based on Psalm 91

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love on the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray
You are invited to sit or kneel

As our Saviour 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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Invitation

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

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

These words are sung:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Holy Communion is distributed. The stewards will guide you. If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the bread.

Time of Quiet

<p><i>Prayer after Communion</i></p>

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you;
here the memory of your passion is renewed;
here our minds are filled with grace;
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your
saints for ever.

Amen

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living he declared your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Any notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Hear the teaching of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it'. Go now to do God's will.
And the blessing...

HYMN (stand)

LORD, FOR THE YEARS YOUR LOVE has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Our Parish Prayer

**God of hope and love,
You have called us to proclaim the saving power of the name
of Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood,
sharing the Good News of his love which changes our lives.**

We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your guidance.

**As we worship, learn, tell and serve,
May we know the power of your Spirit among us;
May our homes and our churches be places of welcome and
safety;
May many come to know the forgiveness and peace that are
found in Jesus alone;**

**May we find joy as we follow him day by day,
with courage to speak out against injustice,
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another and for
our community,
and a new respect for the beautiful world in which you have
placed us;**

**May your kingdom come, your will be done and your love be
known by all.**

**In Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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

Organ Voluntary: Canon in D (Pachelbel)

Prayer for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,

We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.

Be living bread to those who are hungry each day.

Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic.

Be their true home to all who have been displaced.

Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views.

Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.

Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,

Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care

Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and

Hold us all in your unfailing love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.

Amen

NOTICES for Sunday 3rd October 2021

The flowers at the Lectern are in thanks for Eric & Hylda Forshaw's 65 years of marriage on 29 September.

Today we begin a series of sermons from the first 6 chapters of St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Sunday 3 October

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints, with choir

11am Family Worship at St. Antony's

Thursday 7 October, 2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion at St. Antony's.

Sunday 10 October, Harvest Sunday

9.30am Family Worship & Baptism

11am Said Holy Communion

COLLECTIONS

We will be taking a collection at church today and on 10th October for the ***Tearfund Afghanistan Appeal 2021***, Charity No. 265464. We also invite you to bring non-perishable items for the ***Croydon Refugee Centre***, Charity No. 1064465.

- Long life milk
- Rice
- Dried Lentils
- Tins of sardines, tuna etc
- Oats,
- Tea
- Wheelie suitcases
- Rucksacks
- Children's backpacks for school
- Men's underwear – boxers
- Decent casual shoes, trainers,
- School shoes

Please bring your donations to church for Harvest Sunday next week, 10th October or deliver them to the Rector's Office Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am-2pm. This is an ongoing appeal.

GIVING

We invite everyone to become a regular giver to All Saints Church. For cash and envelope offerings, there are collection plates by the door.

[CRE] Christian Resources Exhibition, Sandown Park, Esher **Tues 12th – Thurs 14th October**. Limited number of free tickets are available from Rosanne or £8 on the door. Tickets are valid on any and all three days.

TRAINING COURSES

The Diocese of Southwark offers many excellent ministry courses for training and refreshment. These are shown in the mini booklets which you will find at the door or ask the Rector.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED to organise Christmas Day Lunch

We are asking for someone, or a couple, to volunteer to organise this year's lunch on Christmas Day. If this is something you would like to do, please can you let the wardens or Rosanne know admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk as soon as possible.

Mike Fixter and Sue Thomas, Churchwardens