

Sung Eucharist

to celebrate 100 years of St Anne's Church

Celebrant and Preacher: The Most Revd Rowan Williams

Feast of St Anne. 26th July 2026



St Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The mother of Mary the mother of Jesus is not mentioned in the New Testament. The earliest reference to her is in the second century Gospel of St James, where she is named as Anne.

Anne or Anna are the Greek forms of the Hebrew name Hannah which means “favour”. The story of Hannah, her prayers for a child, and the birth of her son Samuel, who became the leader of Israel, is told in the opening chapters of the book I Samuel in the Old Testament.

In Christian tradition Anne was an older woman who had no child. She and her husband Joachim prayed earnestly for a child, and she gave birth to Mary. As the grandmother of Jesus, St Anne is the patron saint of grandparents.

Thank you for coming to celebrate the centenary of St Anne's. We are glad of your presence and grateful for your prayers. Whether St Anne's has been part of your story for many years, you've come with family or friends, you live in the area or you're visiting from another church, you are warmly welcome.

If you're here with children, please don't worry if they need to move around or make a bit of noise. There's a play area at the back of the church and you're very welcome to use it. Children are an important part of our worshipping community and we want you and them to feel welcome.

If you would like a gluten-free communion wafer, or if you need communion to be brought to you where you are seated, please let one of the churchwardens know before the service begins and we'll be very happy to help.

Weather permitting, we'll begin our worship together in the church garden before making our way into the church. If you'd be more comfortable remaining inside, please do stay where you are. We'll join you shortly as the service continues indoors.

We hope you feel at home with us today, and we pray that, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you will find joy, peace and God's welcome among us.

If you came this way,
Taking any route, starting from anywhere,
At any time or at any season,
It would always be the same: you would have to put off
Sense and notion. You are not here to verify,
Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity,
Or carry report. You are here to kneel
Where prayer has been valid...
Here, the intersection of the timeless moment
Is England and nowhere. Never and always.

from Little Gidding by T.S. Eliot

The Gathering

Before the procession the choir sings:

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur.
Je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur.
Je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

*O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.*

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy, alleluia!

This prayer is said:

Almighty God, to whose glory
we celebrate the consecration of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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.**

All process in from the garden, singing

**Gracious Anne! O Judah's glory!
through the Church from east to west
every tongue proclaims your praises,
holy Mary's mother blest.**

***Under your protecting banner
Here assembled in Christ's name,
Mary's mother, gracious Anna,
Grace and help from you we claim.***

**Kings and queens and priestly forebears
blended in your sacred line:
by God's grace you far outshone them
in simplicity divine.**

***Under your protecting banner
Here assembled in Christ's name,
Mary's mother, gracious Anna,
Grace and help from you we claim.***

**From the matriarchs of old time,
from a branch of Jesse's tree
earth from you received the bearer
of divine humanity.**

**All the human race before you
in the darkness, lost the way:
then in you it saw the dawning
of the long-expected day.**

**Honour, virtue, glory, merit,
be to Christ, the Virgin's Son!
with the Father and the Spirit,
while eternal ages run.**

The Welcome

After which the *archbishop* says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

All pray together:

**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.**

Confession

As we celebrate the faithfulness of St Anne, let us consider how our own faith has fallen short.

We have lost the simplicity of our faith.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have doubted the value of our life and our calling.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Our eyes have been closed to your glory.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May our gracious and generous God bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sin, and renew you in faith, hope, and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Ref: 101
Unison

(claps)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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I. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, peace you bring to us; we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Chords: D, G, A, D, G, A, D, D, G, A, D, A, F#7, Bm, Em, Em7, Em, A7sus4, A7, D.C.

Gloria, gloria...

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins O Lord, have mercy on us all.

Gloria, gloria...

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Gloria, gloria...

Glory, Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit.
To you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.

Gloria, gloria...

(Mike Anderson)

Collect

Almighty God, you gave to your servant Anne
the grace and the joy
to be the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and the grandmother of Jesus:
we pray that all humankind may be made one
in the family of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

First reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

**Where were you born? where was your home?
who were your friends and family?
Your character, your story? all
lost in the mists of history.**

**Who was your husband? Joachim
is what we name this nameless man.
You too have no recorded name,
though Christians have baptised you Anne.**

**And were you near when Mary prayed?
and did you hear the angel's voice?
and when your grandson grew in her
were you the first one to rejoice?**

**And were you quietly present when
he taught and healed in Galilee?
and did you weep at Mary's side,
watching him die on Calvary?**

**Hidden St Anne, sister of all
who live and die anonymous,
take now all unremembered lives
into God's heart, and pray for us!**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

lively tempo

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - le - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

except last time Hal - le - lu - jah! *last time* - jah!

- le - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah! - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! - jah!

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

followed by a time of silence for reflection.

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessions are offered, with the response

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

The Peace

Peace to this house from God, Source of all being.

Peace to this house from his Son, who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,**

**a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

The gifts of bread and wine are offered:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

God, pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

God's 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty
for you have given us a share with Anne and Joachim
in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this passing age
they proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights in the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards the city of eternal light
where they sing the everlasting song of triumph.
In communion with angels and archangels
and all who have served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voices to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

brightly

(canto)

182 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
3 Blas - sed is the one who comes

God of pow'r and
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might,
Lord! Hea - ven and earth are full,
Ho - sen - na in the high - est

God of pow'r and might,
in the name of the Lord!

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Hea - ven and earth are full,
Ho - sen - na in the high - est

glo - ry,
high - est (v2 only) Ho - sen - na in the high - est

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Ho - sen - na in the high - est In the high - est

high - est Ho - sen - na in the high - est

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ is born;
Christ has died;
Christ is alive!

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Anne, St Joachim, St Mark, St Thomas, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

United with all God's people,
let us pray the prayer of Christ to the Father.

**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.**

slowly
(cantor)

1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
(all)
(on us) 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the
world, world, have mer-cy on us, grant us your peace.
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, grant us your
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, grant us your
(v.3 only)
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
(v.3 only)
peace. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

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

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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

Holy Communion is given with these words:

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

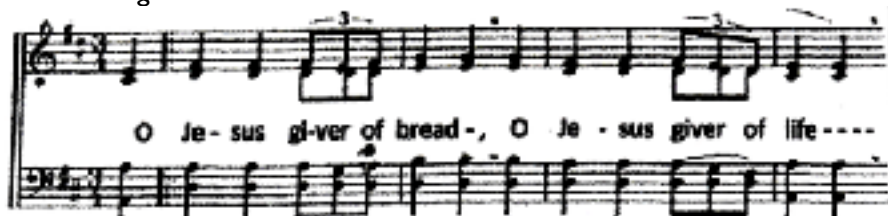
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

During Communion the choir sings:

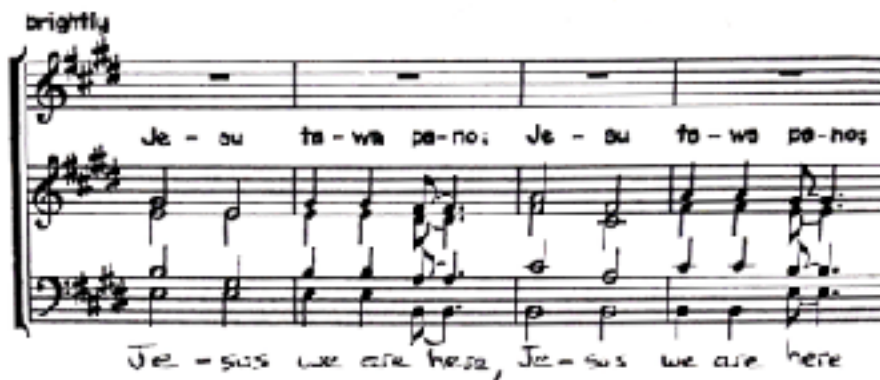
Receive the Body of Christ. Taste the fountain of life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! (Moscow chant arr R Sherlaw Johnson)

Then all sing:



And



After Communion all sing:

Amen siakudumisa! Amen siakudumisa!

Amen bawo, amen bawo, amen siakudumisa!

(When we say) Amen, we praise you, Amen O Father.

South African

$\text{♩} = 86$

Musical score for the first part of the hymn, featuring six parts: Solo, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass 1, and Bass 2. The music is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 86 beats per minute. The lyrics are in Xhosa and English.

Solo: Masi-thi, Masi-thi, Masi-thi,

Soprano: A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa, A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa,

Alto: A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa, A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa,

Tenor: A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa, A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa,

Bass 1: A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa, A-men si-a-ku-dum-i-sa,

Bass 2: si - siakudumisa, si - siakudumisa,

Musical score for the second part of the hymn, featuring six parts: Solo, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass 1, and Bass 2. The music is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 86 beats per minute. The lyrics are in Xhosa and English.

Solo: Masi-thi, (except last time)

Soprano: A men ba-wo, A men ba-wo, A men si-a-ku-da-mi-sa!

Alto: A men ba-wo, A men ba-wo, A men si-a-ku-da-mi-sa!

Tenor: A men ba-wo, A men ba-wo, A men si-a-ku-da-mi-sa!

Bass 1: A men ba-wo, A men ba-wo, A men si-a-ku-da-mi-sa!

Bass 2: ba-wo, ba-wo, ba-wo, si-a-ku-da-mi-sa!

All pray together:

**God, source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we, who have come to your table
as strangers and pilgrims,
be welcomed with Anne, Joachim,
and all your saints
to the heavenly feast of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

God, who has kindled the fire of love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of divine grace.

Amen.

God give you joy and fellowship, and a share in their praises.

Amen.

God strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God

Song for processing out:

No more weep - ing, joy has come into the world, he is ri - sen,

Do not fear, Je - sus has con - quered, he is ri - sen from the dead,

Je - sus lives, the Lord of lords fills the world with his glo - ry,

he has risen from the dead: in joy - ful - ness we greet the ri - sen Lead, sing - ing:

The Lord is call - ing his dis - ciples to send us out in - to the world, for we

love him, we be - lieve him, and we'll fol - low him till we dine with him. The

Sing him praise... all of our days... bles - sings on him for e - ver...

sing him praise... all of our days, for his name is Won - der Coun - sel - for us

Glo - ry in the high - est heaven!

J = c. 132

Keyboard