

## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading today from Isaiah finds an echo in the words of Jesus in our gospel reading. Both passages use the image of peoples from all around the world coming together in harmony and peace. But there is a very important difference! In

Isaiah, the peoples of the world are coming to join with the chosen people of Israel so that they may all worship God together. It is a picture of vindication for the Jewish people, a

time when the whole world will acknowledge their leadership and the primacy of the God they worship. But in the gospel, Jesus uses this same image in a much more threatening context. He tells his Jewish listeners that the peoples of the world are not coming to join in with them and their worship. On the contrary. Rather than coming to join them, they will come to replace them. "In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out." The chosen people will no longer be chosen, but rejected. They have had the prophets to guide them, but the people have ignored that guidance. The chosen people, the people that were first, will become the last – the people that have wasted the opportunity that God had given them. It's a warning to us, too. Not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven: rather, it is those who "strive to enter through the narrow door" who will be saved.

### Entrance Hymn

567 Soldiers of Christ, arise

### Offertory Hymn

427 All hail the power of Jesu's name

### Recessional

550 Oft in danger, oft in woe

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 1)

25<sup>th</sup>: Monday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

26<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; NO Boys' Brigade

27<sup>th</sup>: St Monica. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700



28<sup>th</sup>: St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

29<sup>th</sup>: The Beheading of St John the Baptist. Offices said privately.

30<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of Week 21 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Mr & Mrs DeGale, Anselm Charles, Jean Charnock, Maggie, George Norwood, Oluwayemisi, Sean Brennan, and Patrick Coleman. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

24<sup>th</sup>: Daisy Buckingham, Alan Thomas, Ika Campbell

26<sup>th</sup>: Peter Jermyn [priest]

27<sup>th</sup>: Alfred Bowen

28<sup>th</sup>: Robert Troughton Jackson, Brian Ronald Young Lewis

29<sup>th</sup>: Mary Ellen Jones

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During July 2025, our income was £1,028.78, and our outgoings were £1,303.47. Expenditure routinely continues to outstrip our income, and this clearly can't continue for ever. So, do please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

'For I know their works and their thoughts,  
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.  
And they shall come and shall see my glory,  
and I will set a sign among them.  
And from them I will send survivors to the nations,  
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,  
to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away,  
that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.  
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.  
And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations  
as an offering to the LORD,  
on horses and in chariots and in litters  
and on mules and on dromedaries,  
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD,  
'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel  
to the house of the LORD.  
And some of them also  
I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 117(116):1. 2. R. Mark 16:15

**R:** *Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.*

**Or Alleluia.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations;  
acclaim him, all you peoples! **R.**
2. For his mercy has prevailed over us;  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that  
addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the  
discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the  
Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom  
he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is  
treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does  
not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather  
than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness  
to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak  
knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame  
may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 14:6

**R:** *Alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

**R:** *Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages,  
teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to  
him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them,  
'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will  
seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the  
house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside  
and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will  
answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will  
begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught  
in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where  
you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that  
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see  
Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom  
of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from  
east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the  
kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and  
some are first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*