

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
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 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R. cf. 2b

R: The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful –
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 1 Thessalonians 5:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

Or

*When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

October 12th, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The PCC meets after Mass today. If you are a member of the PCC, please stay behind for the meeting as there is some important business to report.

Both the first reading from the Second Book of Kings, and the gospel passage today, are concerned with the curing of lepers. In the first reading it is Naaman, who is the leader of the Aramean

army, who is the leper that is cured. Naaman is an outsider, and indeed leads the army of Israel's fierce enemy, Aram or modern Syria. This episode demonstrates that God is not concerned with nationality or with a person's origins, but with faith. Naaman accepts the advice of the prophet Elisha, and via him shows his faith in the God of Israel. It is his faith that enables his cure. In the gospel reading, Jesus cures 10 lepers. But in a powerful parallel with the passage from 2 Kings, it is another outsider, in this case a Samaritan, who again demonstrates more faith, and more gratitude, than the other 9 lepers who are members of the Chosen People. Jesus thereby underlines the importance, not of origins, nationality or culture, but of faith in the God of all peoples and all times. None of us can simply rely on our backgrounds or cultural identities: we must actively live out our faith in the world and society around us.

Entrance Hymn

581 Through all the changing scenes of life

Offertory Hymn

618 Son of God, eternal Saviour

Recessional

593 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 4)

13th: Monday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

14th: Tuesday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 1700.



15th October: St Teresa of Avila. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700.

16th: Thursday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

17th: St Ignatius of Antioch. Offices said privately.

18th: Feast of St Luke, Evangelist. No services in church; Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 19th October: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

13th: Lily Ruth Sears

15th: David Nicholls

16th: Annie Channell, Percy Hurdle, Betty Jones

17th: Horace Charles Nash, Edward Brennan

18th: Betty Maud Harper, John Redding

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 September 2025, our income was £2,133.99, and our outgoings were £1,413.07. Another good month for our account, but once again we were fortunate to receive one large donation, and general giving remains low. With winter approaching and increased bills for heating, we can't be complacent, 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!