

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.*

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
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 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?  
Or cry to you 'Violence!'  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
And the LORD answered me:  
'Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.  
For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end – it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.  
'Behold, his soul is puffed up;  
it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.'  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R. 7c. 8a

**R: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'**

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**
2. O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

### SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

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

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 1 Peter 1:25

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of the Lord remains for ever  
and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**R: Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.*

Or

*Though many, we are one bread, one body,  
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel contains two seemingly disconnected ideas from Jesus's teaching. The first is about the power of faith. Jesus says to his disciples that if they had faith even as small as a tiny mustard seed they would be able to command a plant to uproot itself and move somewhere else. But this is Jesus using rhetoric to make a point. He is challenging the faith



of his disciples, and suggesting that their faith is so weak that it is not even the equivalent of a mustard seed. The point Jesus is making will shortly be tragically demonstrated when the

disciples all run away and forsake him in the garden of Gethsemane. Their faith in him was simply not strong enough to give them sufficient courage when the crowd and the soldiers threatened. He's not really suggesting that faith has anything to do with making plants move from one place to another! The second idea is a commentary on the harsh social relations of Jesus's time. Masters expected their slaves to do as they were told, and considered that they deserved no great thanks when they did so. Certainly, slaves would not be rewarded just for doing their jobs. We should not assume from this that Jesus approved of such oppressive relationships. But he is using them as an analogy. Just as slaves got no kudos merely for doing the things they were commanded to do, nor should we expect special treatment or praise simply for following Jesus's commandments.

### Entrance Hymn

498 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### Offertory Hymn

100 O for a heart to praise my God

### Recessional

522 Love divine, all loves excelling

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 3)

6<sup>th</sup>: Monday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

7<sup>th</sup>: *Our Lady of the Rosary. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association 1700.*

8<sup>th</sup> October: Wednesday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700.

9<sup>th</sup>: *Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest.*

*Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

10<sup>th</sup>: Friday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time. Offices said privately.

11<sup>th</sup>: *Saturday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000. The PCC meets after Mass.

### 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

6<sup>th</sup>: Swapham Mundle

8<sup>th</sup>: Herbert Hemmings

9<sup>th</sup>: John Sebastian Belcher, Eliza Dellow, Ronnie Hackett

10<sup>th</sup>: Lydia Fiddler

11<sup>th</sup>: Susan Elizabeth Mott

**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!**