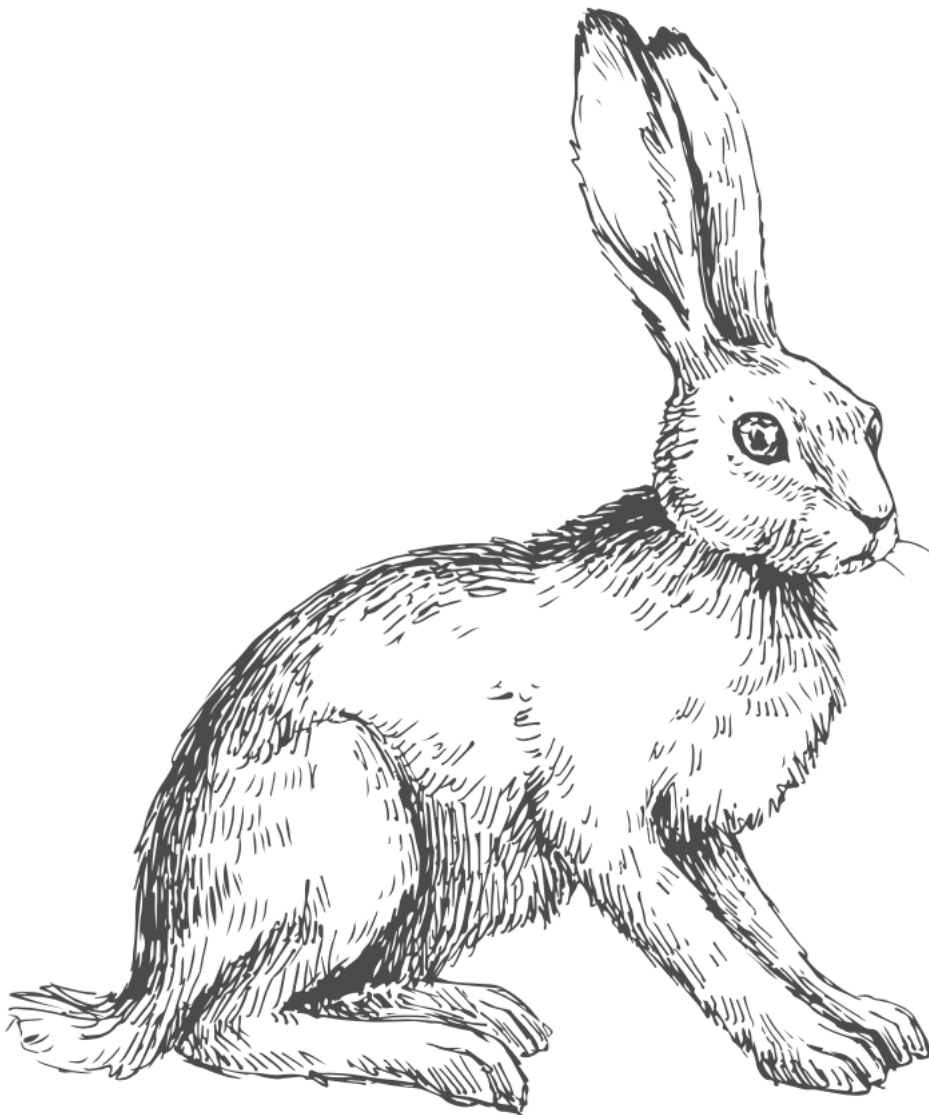




# SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

**WITH COMMISSIONING AND CONFIRMATIONS**

A very warm welcome to St. Anselm.



## **A SPECIAL DAY**

This morning we welcome Bishop Jonathan who will Commission Susan Chick as our Lay Minister and Confirm two members of our community who have recently been baptised.

To be commissioned means to be *sent*. That is why it is so important that in our churches and communities the people who God has called to serve are commissioned into a new life.

It is a reminder that the task ahead is not just another job - it is nothing less than a sharing in the work of Jesus Christ. It is a task for which Susan has been *sent* by Jesus.

Today we pray for Susan and the work Jesus has placed in front of her and we pray for all of those who are discerning the call of Jesus in their lives.

We also celebrate those being Confirmed. Today they will declare their love of Jesus Christ and His action in their lives.

We join with them in celebrating that decision and we call to mind our own decisions - our own baptisms, our own confirmations.

In that recollection we re-affirm those promises - we re-affirm our desire to know Jesus Love and His action in our lives.

With all my love and continued prayers.

*Fr. Matthew*

*As the bell rings, please stand.*

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,  
I Have Heard My People Cry.  
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,  
My Hand Will Save.

I Who Made The Stars Of Night,  
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.  
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?  
Whom Shall I Send?

*Refrain*

*Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.*

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,  
I Have Borne My People's Pain.  
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away.

I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,  
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.  
I Will Speak My Word To Them  
Whom Shall I Send?

*Refrain*

I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame  
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.  
I Will Set A Feast For Them,  
My Hand Will Save

Finest Bread I Will Provide,  
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.  
I Will Give My Life To Them,  
Whom Shall I Send?

*Refrain*



## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

## **SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING**

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

Peace be with you  
**And with your Spirit.**

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

*V* Lord, have mercy.

*R.* **Lord, have mercy.**

*V* Christ, have mercy.

*R.* **Christ, have mercy.**

*V* Lord, have mercy.

*R.* **Lord, have mercy.**

 **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    have mercy on us.

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.

**COLLECT**

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in 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

*Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 18(19):8-10,15*

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

## **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!



## **Gospel**

*Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives  
and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE HOMILY**

## COMMISSIONING

*Susan is brought forward by Fr. Matthew and stands facing the congregation on the chancel steps.*

*Bishop Jonathan addresses the congregation:*

Almighty God, high king of the universe, the source of all knowledge and truth, give to all who minister to your people, wisdom, strength and compassion in all they undertake, and grant that all for who they guide and care that they may be open to your transforming power.

For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

*Bishop Jonathan addresses Susan:*

The risen Christ has entrusted his ministry to his Church, the whole people of God. The Holy Spirit equips us for work in his service, enabling us to discover and use our particular gifts through ministry within the Church and the parish.

Susan, Will you undertake to work with me and your fellow Christians, doing all to the glory of God - building up his Church and bringing new people to His love?

**Susan:** With the help of God, I will.

*Bishop Jonathan addresses the Congregation:*

Will you, the congregation and people of this parish, do all that you can to support and encourage Susan in her pilgrimage of service and love in this place?

**All:** With the help of God, we will.

*Susan moves to stand in front of Bishop Jonathan.*

Let us pray in silence for Susan and for Christ's Ministry through her.

Susan, I commission you as Lay Minister in this place. May God bless your ministry. May you serve him with joy, know his strength in times of difficulty and experience his forgiveness in times of failure.

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The Bishop introduces our new Lay Minister and invites us to applaud and welcome her.*

# THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES.

*The candidates come forward as indicated.*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

**I have.**

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I am.**

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

## THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,  
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

**All: Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
together with these candidates  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I 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.**



Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptised into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## CONFIRMATION

*The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**All: who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**All: now and for ever. Amen.**

*The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

*The bishop addresses each candidate by name*

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

*He then lays his hand on the head of each candidate, saying*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.  
**All: Amen.**

*The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid*

**All: Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

*The confirmation candidates may now take their seats as the congregation welcome them with applause.*

## **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,  
he accomplished the marvellous deed,  
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,  
summoning us to the glory of being now called  
a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for your own possession,  
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,  
for you have called us out of darkness  
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

 **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.**


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.

 The mystery of faith.  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**



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 Mary Mother of God, St. Anselm, 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.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The congregation stands and the Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

 **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The people kneel.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 33: 6*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

*Please come forward to receive the Body of Christ.  
If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms over your chest.  
Please remember to keep social distancing in place as you come forward.*

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there,  
and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

*St Alphonsus Liguori*



Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Notices*

### BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The altar party move to Our Lady*

## THE ANGELUS

℣. The Angel of the LORD brought tidings to Mary

℞. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

℣. Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

℞. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, amen.

℣. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

℞. Be it unto me according to thy word.

℞. Hail Mary, ...

℣. And the Word was made flesh.

℞. And dwelt among us.

℞. Hail Mary...

℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

℣. Let us pray,

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of and Angel. So by his Passion and Cross may we be brought to glory of his resurrection through the same Christ Our LORD.

℞. Amen.

Meekness and majesty,  
Manhood and Deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
The Man who is God.

Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet.

*Refrain:*

*O what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God,  
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice,  
And as they crucify  
Prays: 'Father forgive.'

*Refrain*

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity,  
Stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne.

*Refrain*

## **IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO ST. ANSELM?**

We've loved having you with us today and would love to see you again. Visit our website at [www.stanselm.co.uk](http://www.stanselm.co.uk) where you can sign up to receive updates on the life of our family.

There's lots going on and we'd love you to be part of it. Come back and see us again soon.

In love, & with all my prayers

Fr. Matthew

## **DAILY SERVICES**

### **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Morning Prayer 9:45am

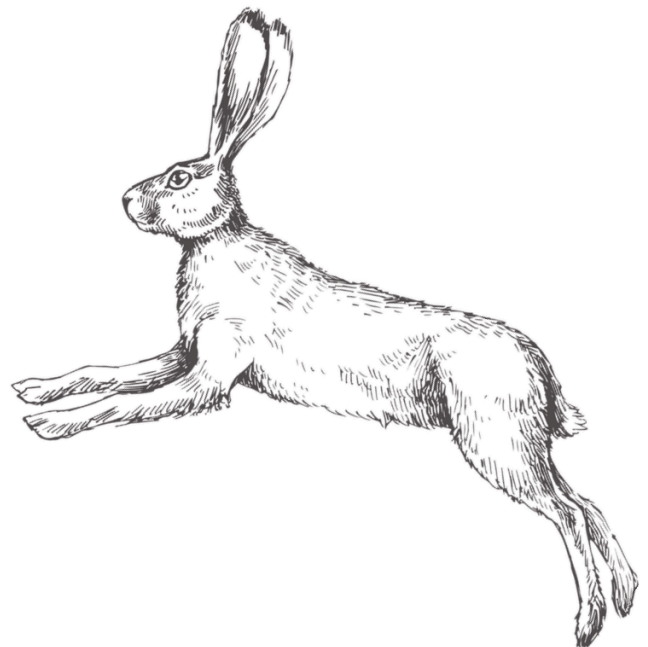
Mass 10am

Evening Prayer 6pm

### **SUNDAY**

Sung Parish Mass 10am

The calendar on our website is kept up to date each week, as well as the notice board at the front of church.



Thank you for being with us today.

You can find everything you need to know about St. Anselm  
on our website

**[www.stanselm.co.uk](http://www.stanselm.co.uk)**

Or by speaking to a member of the congregation who would be  
happy to help you in any way we can.

Be assured of our prayers, be assured of Jesus love for YOU.

