

### 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... **Amen.**

### FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80(79):9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 R. Isaiah 5:7a

**R: The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea;  
to the River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the stock your right hand has planted,  
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R.**

4. And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R.**

### SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. John 15:16

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,  
that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit  
should abide.

**R: Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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... **Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**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... **Amen.**

## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

The gospel today is the famous story of the wicked tenants in the vineyard. This is an unusual parable in that Jesus is not only illustrating a general moral principle, but is clearly also making a reference to himself and fate that is awaiting him when he arrives in Jerusalem. Had the moral been just about honesty and trustworthiness, Jesus could have finished his story after the tenants mistreated the first or second set of servants arriving to collect the produce of the vineyard. But the climax of the story is the killing of the vineyard owner's son. All then becomes clear. The vineyard represents the whole of creation; the vineyard owner is God the Father; the servants who come to collect the grapes are the prophets sent to call the people to repentance; Jesus is, of course, the son who is killed by the tenants. And these tenants represent the chosen people of Israel. They ignored and persecuted the prophets sent to help them, and Jesus knows that they are about to kill him when he arrives in the holy city of Jerusalem. Jesus warns the children of Israel that their complacent certainty that they, and they alone, will 'inherit the earth' will be rudely swept aside as they realise that the promised kingdom "will be taken away from you and given to a people producing [the kingdom's] fruits."



### Entrance Hymn

498 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### Offertory Hymn

128 We sing the praise of him who died *During this hymn the collection is taken. Please give as generously as you can.*

### Recessional

522 Love divine, all loves excelling

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THIS WEEK (Year A[2]; Psalm week 3)

ALL MORNING PRAYER SERVICES EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS, AND ALL EVENING PRAYER SERVICES INCLUDING ON THURSDAYS, ARE NOW ONLINE. To attend these online services, visit [www.stanselm.co.uk](http://www.stanselm.co.uk), select 'Services and events', then 'Online Morning Prayer' or 'Online Evening Prayer' as appropriate, and click on 'MORE INFO'.

5<sup>th</sup>: Monday of 27<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time.  
Morning Prayer 0900 online.

6<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday of 27<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. Evening Prayer online 1700.

7<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of the Rosary. Online Morning Prayer 0900. Online Evening Prayer 1700.

8<sup>th</sup>: Thursday of 27<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time. **NO Morning Prayer or Mass in church as Fr Stephen will be unavailable. Evening Prayer online 1700.**

9<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Morning Prayer 0900 online.

10<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of 27<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time.

### NEXT SUNDAY

11<sup>th</sup> October: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual. Fr Nicholas will say mass in Fr Stephen's absence.

### FUTURE DATES

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival. Please bring food contributions (dried foods, tinned foods, etc., but nothing perishable) which will be used to assist those with emergency needs.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Eliz Asmar, Kathyan Fenton, Desiree Loderick, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Peter Wickham, Cora Freeman, David Couling, Velsie Welch and Shirley Thomas. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Fr Stephen.)

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

4<sup>th</sup>: Mabel Boyce, Evelyn Fee

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

**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 at the end of mass...

**FINANCIAL POSITION:** During September 2026 our income was £1,144.28, and our outgoings were £1,103.67. A better month, but it doesn't compensate for all those months where we spent more than we received! Could you help us by making a small increase in your contribution to St Anselm? Please flash this QR code to get started!



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