

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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 Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

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 Romans 13:8-10

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

Brothers and sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You

shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL 2 Corinthians 5:19

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Or

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

September 6th, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

All this week's readings deal, in one way or another, with our own personal conduct, and with how we should respond to the misconduct of others. In the first reading from Ezekiel, we are warned that we have some responsibility not only for our own behaviour, but also for the behaviour of those around us. If we see someone behaving badly, especially if the misbehaviour is serious, we should warn them that they are putting themselves at risk of divine judgement. They are ultimately responsible for themselves, as we all are, but we also share some responsibility if we ignore the bad actions of others and don't try to help them understand that what they are doing is wrong. In Paul's letter to the Romans, all the specific ways in which we might hurt

other people (by stealing, infidelity, etc.) are summed up in the one universal law: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Finally, in the gospel, Jesus gives us advice on how, within the



Christian community, we should respond to those who fall short of their calling. Jesus emphasises the importance of proper evidence of wrongdoing before rushing to judgement, and that any judgement must not be merely the opinion of one person, but of the whole church community.

Entrance Hymn

621 Thy kingdom come, O God

Offertory Hymn

455 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem (*During this hymn the collection is taken. Please give as generously as you can.*)

Recessional

363 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

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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, select 'Services and events', then 'Online Morning Prayer' or 'Online Evening Prayer' as appropriate, and click on 'MORE INFO'.

7th: Monday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0900 online.

8th: *The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Morning Prayer 0900 online. Evening Prayer online 1700.

9th: Wednesday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time.

Online Morning Prayer 0900. Online Evening Prayer 1700.

10th: *Thursday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time.*

Morning Prayer at 0945 IN CHURCH. At 1000, Distribution of the Reserved Sacrament when +Lusa and others arrive as part of the bishop's Prayer Pilgrimage. Evening Prayer online 1700.

11th: Friday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0900 online.

12th: *Saturday of 23rd week in Ordinary Time.*

NEXT SUNDAY

13th September: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

6th: Roulston Franklin, Leslie Franklin

7th: John Allain

8th: Edward Dean

9th: Gertrude Watts

10th: Lucy Plumb

12th: Edgar-Holder Beckles, Mary Chick

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 August 2026 our income was £1,032.90, and our outgoings were £1,571.55.

Another poor month for our finances! 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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