

15/3/26 - Mothering Sunday

**GATHERING SONG:
364 Let There Be Love**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:
Our Father God In Heaven**

Stand

Our Father God in heaven
On whom our world depends,
To you let praise be given
For families and friends;
For parents, sisters, brothers,
A home where love belongs,
But on this day for mothers
We bring our thankful songs.

What wealth of God's bestowing
For all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
To children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
A mother's path must trace,
And earth's unknown tomorrows
Are held in her embrace.

How well we know the story
That tells of Jesus 'birth,
The Lord of heaven's glory
Become a child of earth;
A helpless infant sleeping,
Yet King of realms above,
Who finds in Mary's keeping
The warmth of human love.

Our Father God in heaven,
To you we lift our prayer,
That every child be given
Such tenderness and care,
Where life is all for others,
Where love your love displays:
For God's good gift of mothers
Let earth unite in praise!

GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

Lord Jesus Christ, wash away my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, against you have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight:
Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, create in me a pure heart
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:
Lord, have mercy.

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

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross
drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

BLESSING OF THE POSIES

Blessed are you,
Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these flowers to share.
In them we see a sign of your love for us.
By your blessing ✠
may they be a sign of our love for each other,
and may all who give and all who receive these flowers
know your love for them.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen

I Have Asked Him Of The Lord

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

PSALM 34

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SECOND READING:
Colossians 3:12-17

Sit

Forgive Each Other

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL:

John 19:25b-27

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Here Is Your Mother'

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

Sit

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Stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

<i>Stand</i>

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

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 always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:

233 Jubilate Everybody

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

You can also donate using the card machine at the back if you'd prefer.

Anyone who uses the Parish Giving Scheme can use a token to indicate their giving.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

303 Lord Of All Hopefulness

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

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

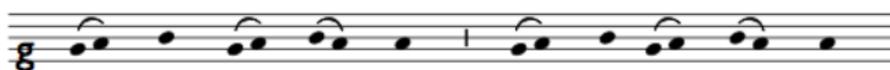
**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

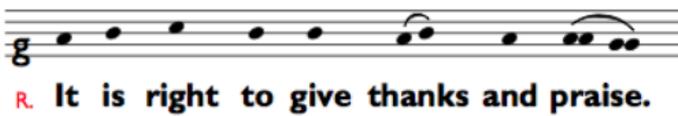
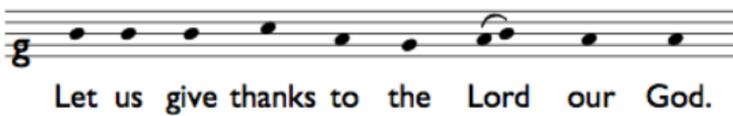
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might,
God of power and God of might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord,
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer
At the end all sing



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you
come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you
would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring
your service sheet with you.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Every Mother, Every Father

**Every mother every father,
called to raise up sons or daughters.
May your heart be patient, may your mind be clear,
may our God be with you,
and calm your fears.**

COMMUNION HYMN: 224 Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

COMMUNION HYMN: 337 Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

Sit

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

39 Tell Out My Soul