



Parish Eucharist  
for **Mothering Sunday**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

10:30am

# Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

## ***Singing the song of faith and justice***

*Welcome to our Parish Eucharist, the centre-point of our community and life together, especially if you are joining us for the first time. We are an inclusive church and celebrate our diversity, welcoming and affirming all who wish to share in the Love of God. If you have children please speak to the duty warden about children's church.*

*You are welcome here today.*

*Any instructions given in worship are only invitations.*

*Please adopt the position you find most helpful or comfortable. Join in with the service as you feel able, speaking where words are in bold. If you prefer to let the liturgy wash over you then that's fine too! Please also be aware that this service is livestreamed. If you would prefer not to appear in the livestream please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.*

*Giving is a part of Christian worship. At the offertory hymn a collection will take place. There is no compulsion; it is an opportunity to participate in this part of the liturgy, but you may prefer to use the card machines at the back of church or feel unable to contribute at this time. St Mary Redcliffe is a charity and receives no funding from the central church or state so we are hugely grateful to all who contribute to our ministry and work.*

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*Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe.  
Please take a moment before our  
service begins to prepare to meet  
God. The celebrant is the vicar.  
The Mass setting is "Mass for the  
Mystery of Faith" by Ghislaine  
Reece-Trapp (b. 1992).*

*A voluntary may be played.*

*The service is introduced with an  
invitation to prayer:*

**Sentence**

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending.

*All* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.  
Words of welcome may follow.*

*All* **Almighty God, to whom  
all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from  
whom no secrets are  
hidden: cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration  
of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify  
your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Members of Children's Church  
join the Procession,  
following the choir and ministers.*

**Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings,  
give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me  
the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour  
shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his name;  
Make known his might,  
the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure,  
from age to age the same;  
His holy name,  
the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions  
lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn  
wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed,  
the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul,  
the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise,  
and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord.  
To children's children  
and for evermore.**

*WOODLANDS NEH 186  
(Magnificat Luke 1:46-55)  
Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-2024)*

*The online congregation may light a  
candle at home as the altar candles  
are lit in church.*

*All* Jesus said, 'I am the light of  
the world.'  
**Whoever follows me will  
never walk in darkness but  
will have the light of life.'**

*All* As his followers, wherever we are,  
**we light a light in the name of  
Christ who gives us the light of life.**

### **Children's Church Welcome**

*Please be seated.*

*We hear what the children are  
doing today, ending in a prayer:*

*All* **Jesus teach us all we pray  
to follow you along the way,  
be our guide in all we do,  
help us all learn more from you.  
Amen.**

*Children's Church leave for their groups.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has  
dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who sacrificed  
himself for us to purify a  
people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

*The choir sings:*

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

*All* **Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed:  
through negligence,  
through weakness, through  
our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may  
serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

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.  
*All* **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Mothering Sunday**

Let us pray:

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Exodus 2:1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because',

she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 23:



### Response:

*The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.*

**The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want. Fresh and green  
are the pastures where he gives me  
repose. Near restful waters he leads  
me; he revives my soul.*

### Response

*He guides me along the right path, for  
the sake of his name. Though I should  
walk in the valley of the shadow of  
death, no evil would I fear. For you are  
with me. Your crook and your staff will  
give me comfort.*

### Response

*You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes. My head you  
anointed with oil; my cup is  
overflowing.*

### Response

*Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life. In  
the Lord's own house shall I dwell for  
length of days unending.*

### Response

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*



Praise\_ to Thee O Christ, King of E - ter - nal Glo - ry

*Praise to thee, O Christ, King of eternal glory.*

**Praise to thee, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*Simeon said 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in*

*Israel—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'*

**Praise to thee, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## Luke 2:33-35

*All* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glorify to You, O Lord.**

The father and mother of Jesus were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

*All* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel is followed by an improvisation.*

## The Sermon

*The Vicar* *Please be seated.*

*The sermon is followed by a period of silence.*

## The Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or be seated.*

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

*The response is:*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The intercessions conclude:*

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

## The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.  
The table is prepared and bread  
and wine are placed upon it. The  
offering is taken up. If you are a UK  
taxpayer, please complete the gift-  
aid envelope.*

**For Mary, Mother of the Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored  
as on her child she gazed.**

**The angel Gabriel brought the word  
she should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
made answer willingly.**

**The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
and so God's will was done;  
the second Eve love's answer made  
which our redemption won.**

**She gave her body for God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain,  
and knew the cost of love divine  
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee,  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.**

*ST BOTOLPH 161/385  
J.R. Peacey 1896-1971  
Gordon Slater 1896-1979*

*The gifts are blessed:  
Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the  
splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and  
on earth is yours.*

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*All* **The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

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

*All* **Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.  
It is right to give thanks  
and praise.**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

It is indeed right and good to  
give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting  
Father, through Jesus Christ  
your Son, for in these forty  
days you lead us into the  
desert of repentance that  
through a pilgrimage of  
prayer and discipline we may  
grow in grace and learn to be  
your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and  
acts of service you bring us  
back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy  
word you open our eyes to  
your presence in the world and  
free our hands to welcome  
others into the radiant  
splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels, for ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*All* Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*All are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in their mother tongue:*

*All* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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.**

## The Fraction

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup

All **We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*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 Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of  
the world. Blessed are those  
who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say  
the word, and I shall be  
healed.**

*The people receive communion.  
All those baptised as members of  
their own church are invited to  
receive communion or a blessing.  
If you would prefer to receive a  
blessing please bring this order of  
service with you. Please ask if you  
would like a gluten free wafer. Please  
follow the direction of stewards.*

## Anthem

*The choir sing 'Mothering Sunday' by  
John Marsh*

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer  
to the heavenly shore;  
may my faith grow clearer,  
may I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,  
every gift and pain;  
be thyself my treasure,  
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me  
as thou seest best,  
then let angels bear me  
to thy promised rest.**

*PASTOR PASTORUM NEH 282*

*T.B. Pollock 1836-96*

*F. Silcher 1789-1860*

## Prayers after Communion

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.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.**

Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies to be  
a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

*The Notices are read.*

*Children's Church reports back to  
the vicar.*

*Please stand for our closing hymn.  
Flowers will be distributed by the  
children during the hymn*

**Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word;  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home;  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.**

*ABBOT'S LEIGH NEH 185  
G.B. Timms 1910-1997  
Cyril Taylor 1907-91*

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

The Lord bless you and keep  
you, the Lord make his face  
to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you, the Lord  
look kindly on you and give  
you peace; and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain  
with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.  
*All* **In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

### **Organ voluntary**

*Fiesta – Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)*

