



Parish Eucharist

Mothering Sunday
19th March 2023

*Please join in all parts of the service printed in **bold** type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish.*

We gather to worship

When the bell rings we stand to sing:

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,**

***Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:**

***Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:**

***Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

***Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
*Lord of all to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

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

*The priest greets the people,
The Lord be with you
and also with you.*

*The priest introduces the worship and
invites us to confess our sins.*

We sing together,
**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy,
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

Donations can be made using the contactless card reader during the offertory hymn. There is a box by the entrance. Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website.

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness of our sins:

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The priest invites us to pray in silence,
then says the Collect, the prayer for today.*

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We hear God's Word

First Reading *Exodus 2.1-10*

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.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The cantor and choir lead Psalm 127



Those who sow in tears



shall reap with songs of joy.

**Those who sow in tears shall reap
with songs of joy**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.

**Those who sow in tears shall reap
with songs of joy**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for
us, and therefore we rejoiced.

**Those who sow in tears shall reap
with songs of joy**

We stand to sing after the choir,

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

The Lord is a great God. O that today you
would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

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

*We turn to face the centre
to hear the Gospel proclaimed,*

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.

Gospel Reading *John 19.25-27*

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the Sermon, then we keep
silence together.*

We stand to declare our faith,

Do you believe and trust in God the
Father, who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*We sit or kneel for the prayers of
intercession.*

*We pray for our community and one
another*

The notices are given

We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine

*The priest introduces the Peace, where
we greet one another in fellowship.*

The priest says

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace

The Offering

*During the offertory hymn the plate and
card reader will be available for
contactless and cash donations. Please
indicate if you wish to make an offering.
We stand to sing*

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

*The priest takes the Bread and Wine
and says the prayers of preparation.
We respond,*

Blessed be God forever.

*The Eucharistic Prayer
Please remain standing during the
Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for
you.*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts,
we sing*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.**

*The priest continues,
recalling the Last Supper.*

The deacon says

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

We say,
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The priest continues, ending
... for ever and ever.*

Amen.

We sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread
and says,*

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.**

We sing,
**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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

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

The Giving of Communion

*The people receive communion.
Those who do not wish to receive are
warmly invited to come forward for an
individual blessing. Gluten free wafers
are available. Please come to the front
and form a queue. Please be mindful of
the safety of others and remain
distanced. Communion will be
administered in both kinds, on the hand
and from the chalice (optional). Please do
not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.
Communion will be brought to those
seated in the south aisle.*

The priest says,
Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.**

We sing the hymn:

**Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.**

**And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.**

**Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.**

*The choir sings the anthem:
For the Beauty of the Earth - Rutter*

The priest says this prayer,

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.

**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.**

We sing the hymn:

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmsody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

*We bow our heads
and pray for God's blessing:*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God, who gave birth to all
creation, bless you:
may God, who became incarnate
by an earthly mother, bless you:
may God, who broods as a mother
over her children, bless you.
May Almighty God, bless you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The deacon says
Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please remain standing until the choir and
ministers have left.*

*Please take this Service Sheet home with you.
If you are a newcomer or visitor we would
love to meet you.
After the service, tea and coffee will be
served. Please stay and join us.*

