



Worship for Mothering Sunday 14th March 2021

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on Mothering Sunday. Welcome if you are joining us on Zoom or following the service at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship our generous God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

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.**

We come to worship God our Father.

Every family in heaven and on earth takes their name from him.

We pray that he will strengthen us and feed us all through his Holy Spirit,

That Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith.

We pray that we will be rooted in his love,

That we will all understand the full extent of Christ's love for us

To the one who can do infinitely more than we could ever imagine,

To him be given glory in our church and in Jesus Christ to every generation.

Hymn: To God be the glory

A prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for all who care for us, who have encouraged us and helped us grow, who have forgiven us, and cared for us when we are unwell, who have supported us when times were hard, who have challenged us, who have told us about you. Thank you, Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of penitence

Let us call to mind our sins, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

In a dark and disfigured world, we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy**

In a hungry and despairing world, we have failed to share our bread with others:

Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy**

In a cold and loveless world, we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy**

Hear the word of grace in Jesus Christ: The love of God for us never fails. Nothing can separate us from that love. Rise up, know you are forgiven, and live in freedom and faith: **Amen**

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ lived in a family in Nazareth: Grant that in our families on earth we may so learn to love and to live together that we may rejoice as one family in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world with out end. Amen

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

Bible Reading: John 3: 14-21

A prayer

Eternal God, may we live in the light of your love. **Amen**

Talk

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

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

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us pray with our hearts filled with thanksgiving, to the God who loves us so completely.

Loving God we give you thanks for the great love that you have for each one of us and for the family of the church. We pray that the joy and wonder of Christ's presence may infuse our lives, so that the Good news may be spread throughout the world. Give us the strength and courage to witness to God's immeasurable love as we seek to love as God has loved us. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray for all in authority may be filled with the wisdom and compassion of God. May there be greater trust and friendship between the different nations on our planet; for a universal desire for peace and justice and the willingness to take the risks it demands. We pray for all people caught up in situations of violence and war, political and civil unrest and poverty and famine, bring into their lives your peace, justice, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we pray that the lonely, the rejected and the isolated may have knowledge and confirmation of God's abiding warmth and love. We pray that all families may be blessed with everlasting joy, and all homes may be filled with God's peace. On this mothering Sunday we give thanks for our mothers and for all those who have shown us

love, compassion and care. We remember those who find this day particular difficult for whatever reason, may they know your peace, love, and comfort this day. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christ's calming reassurance to bring peace of mind and spirit to those worried about the future, those dreading some difficult event, those who are afraid of dying and all those struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. We bring before you all those who are suffering whether in body mind or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing, comfort, and strength. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all those who have recently died and for all those we love but see no longer. Thank you for all that they meant to us and for the many ways they blessed our lives. We pray for all those who are grieving at this time and ask that you surround them with your comfort and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In the silence of these moments, we make our particular concerns known to God our loving father. *Silence.* Father accept these prayers: in wonder and adoration we offer our lives to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace

God makes peace within us – **let us claim it.**

God makes peace between us – **let us share it.**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **and also with you** Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. ".....(the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: God of Science

Sending out

Lord of light, help us to look to you in the coming week. Guide us when the way ahead seems dark, and full of obstacles. May we always give thanks, even in the darkest times, and enable us to shine as lights in the world.

Amen

May God who made the whole earth, bless us (*make a huge circle with arms*)

May God who draws us all together, bless us (*make a hug across body*)

May God who loves each one of us, bless us (*place hand on heart*)

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, and all whom you love, this day and always.

All: Amen

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

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