



Mothering Sunday
Eucharist

Welcome!

You are very welcome to our special service today. We are delighted to share our worship with you. Hopefully, you have everything you need – this service booklet, a sheet with the readings on and a hymn book.

Please use this booklet to follow the service – we all join in with the words in **bold**. This booklet suggests where we usually sit/stand/kneel but please do whatever you're most comfortable with. You will see the hymn numbers displayed at the front of church and also on the readings sheet.

If you have children with you then feel free to wander with them during the service.

Toilets and baby-changing facilities are found at the back of church – please ask a steward for directions and for anything else you need to know.

If you need it, our church has a hearing-aid induction loop fitted.

We hope that you feel welcome here today and enjoy worshipping with us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

All **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

A large candle may be lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God
is like a light in our darkness.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed
and laboured as they cared for their children.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers
who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in
her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

SAYING SORRY

Let us remember the times when we have not lived as God wants us
to, when we have failed to value the love of others
and failed to love as Christ has loved us.

Jesus, your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

For when we have failed to live as your children,

Lord have mercy. *All* **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus, you call us to do good.
For when we have sought our own good,
Christ, have mercy. *All* **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus, you hear us when we cry for help.
For when we ignore the cries of others,
Lord, have mercy. *All* **Lord have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All* **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The Collect is said and all respond
Amen.

All

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

All

READINGS

At the end of each reading
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All

HYMN

GOSPEL READING

Please remain standing and face the reader.

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glorify you, O Lord.

All

At the end
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All

SERMON

BLESSING & GIVING OF FLOWERS

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

For the care of mothers;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their love when tired;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their hope when despairing;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their service without limit;

All **Thanks be to God.**

Loving God, who created all things visible and invisible,
out of nothing through your Word:
and in your motherly care for us have provided us with plants,
flowers and fruits to serve our needs,
bless ✠ these flowers which we shall offer to those who show care,
let them be a sign of your love for them
and a reminder of the beauty of your creation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Flowers are distributed.

At the end of the distribution we all say this prayer.

All **Thank you God for the love of mothers;
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS

This response is used

God of love,

All **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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

All **and also with you.**

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

HYMN

The gifts are the people are collected and offered.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of mercy,

accept our gifts and all we bring before you,

as you accepted the love of Mary,

the mother of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is Lord, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The President praises God for the wonder of creation and for our salvation.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All **Holy Most Holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom forever adored;
the earth and the heavens are full of your love; our joyful
hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed most blessed, all blessed is he,
whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free; who
comes in the name of the father of light, let endless
hosannas resound in the height.**

*The President recalls the Last Supper and asks God to be with us and to
help us.*

All **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 BREAD

All **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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Everyone is invited to come forward to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion or to receive God's blessing.

During Communion hymns and songs may be sung.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president prays and all respond

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work for others. And the blessing ...

All **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**