

**Mothering Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Lent in a
time of national and global
emergency precautions
to resist the coronavirus
pandemic**

Sunday 22nd March 2020

*A Facebook Live stream—
all welcome to join us from home*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME

PRAISING AND THANKING GOD

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

Blessed be God for ever.



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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

TURNING BACK TO GOD

Human sin disfigures the whole
creation,
which groans with eager longing for
God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence
and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness
and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and
failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our
stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love forgive us our
sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of
his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no
dominion.
Amen.

COLLECT
*(the Church's special 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

GOSPEL READING:
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

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.

At the end:

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

SHORT SERMON

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God:
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.**

PRAYERS: Let us pray.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit and for the life breathed into us in our mother's womb.

We pray for all mothers that they may never lose heart nor ever be taken for granted.

We pray for all for whose relationship with their mother is complicated.

We pray for all who are unable to be mothers.

May your Church open wide her arms to embrace all who come to her at this time.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit moving between us now wherever we are, drawing us together.

We ask that through this time of separation the bonds of love that unite us may be strengthened. We pray for the Church in this Diocese, for Christopher and Jonathan, our Bishops, and for our sisters and brothers in different churches.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We pray for those who are guiding this and the nations of the world at this time,

that they may make wise decisions:

We pray that you would help us make wise decisions in the choices before us each day.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

We pray that we will work together for the good of all in this community and beyond

and that you equip us for the work before us, to help and serve others in any way can.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.

Hear us as we pray for all who are affected by coronavirus, For the lonely and the fearful that they may find relief and recovery: For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:

We pray too for those amongst our church family who have asked for our prayers at this time.

Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord that sustains us daily. We pray for those who have drawn their last breath on this earth. Those who have died recently.

Lord, bring us with them to share in your eternal Kingdom.

Lord, come to bless us.
Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah
at the River Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room.

In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.

**Hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

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.
And also with you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ONE

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
 He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.
 You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.
 And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of
 your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he, who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
 He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
 Do this to remember me.

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

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you,
 Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 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

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins;
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world;
grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together:

**Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your
mercy
in this time of uncertainty
and distress.
Sustain and support the
anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought
low;
that we may rejoice in your
comfort
knowing that nothing can
separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord
Amen.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

May God our Creator,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth receives its name,
strengthen you with the Holy Spirit
so that Christ may live in your
hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be among you and remain
with you
and all those you love and
care for,
this day, and always.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

