

## THE CONCLUSION

We thank you for the gifts of Creation, and the joy of nature.

We praise you for the beauty of Spring;

For the new life all around – for the fresh green shoots and the buds slowly opening

We praise you, Lord, for your promise of new life to all who love and believe in you;

And we look forward to the new life of Easter when Jesus rose from the dead.

All: **Amen.**

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;

And the blessing....

## THE GRACE

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**



**Please collect a flower gift for your mum, or in memory of your mother, as you leave.**

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## ALL AGE WORSHIP FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY 2021

### GREETING

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

### WELCOME & NOTICES

We are called together to worship God, to sing God's praise, to say sorry, to be forgiven, to listen to God's word in the Bible, to pray for others, and to love and serve God every day.

Praise God who loves us

All: **Praise God who cares**

### GATHERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks for all those who have mothered us in our lives.

In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love, please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort, nurture, protection and support. We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us, so that we might celebrate your goodness together even through our own brokenness.

**Amen**

### THANKSGIVING

For the world in which we live

All: **Thank you Lord**

For each person who loves us and cares for us

All: **Thank you Lord**

For each person who celebrates with us and cries with us

All: **Thank you Lord**

For each person who encourages us

All: **Thank you Lord**

For each person who listens to us and prays for us

All: **Thank you Lord**

For each person who looks after us when we are ill

All: **Thank you Lord**

For our mothers

All: **Thank you Lord**

For Jesus who died for us and rose again

All: **Thank you Lord**

### CONFESSION

God loves us and, like a mother, teaches us to be a loving people. Sometimes we fail and do and say things that are unloving.

Let us tell God how sorry we are for the things we do wrong.

For those times when we have not been loving,

When we have hurt other people through unkind words

And things we have done to them that are wrong

All: **Father, forgive us**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you,

All: **Father, forgive us**

For failing you by what we do and think and say,

All: **Father, forgive us**

We are glad that God promises to forgive us. 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.**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

### **Exodus 2.1-10**

*The following introduction to the reading is said*

Moses' mother entrusts her child to Pharaoh's daughter; Pharaoh's daughter recognises her responsibility to mother a child in need.

**Anthem:** As a mother cradles her child, sung by the choir of St Mary's, TB. Based on words of St Anselm (1033-1109); music by David Ogden; piano: Victoria Hay

### **John 19.25b-27**

*The following introduction to the reading is said*

In pain, facing death, Jesus entrusts his mother and his friend to each other, in their desolation and bereavement, to mother each other and his disciples.

### **TALK**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

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

### **PRAYERS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

For today:

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

For the Church:

We thank you Lord, for the Church, which cares for us like a mother.

Help us to always be glad we belong to our benefice of churches as part of your special family.

Help us to care for each other and to love and serve those to whom you send us. We ask all this in Jesus name. **Amen.**

For Mothers and those in mothering roles:

**Father in heaven; bless all mothers and those who look after us in our daily lives.**

**Make us grateful for their goodness and thankful for their love and care.**

**Help us to respond to them in loving obedience; following the example of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

*We continue in prayer for the needs of the world and our nation; and the needs of our communities, families and friends.*

### **THE COLLECT**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN:** All things bright and beautiful