

Prayer after Communion

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

10am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday



The Greeting

Praise God who loves us
All Praise God who cares.

Traditionally today is a time to celebrate our mother churches, those people and places which have nurtured our faith. But for many this time comes with painful associations with motherhood, feelings of inadequacy or loss. In addition today we acknowledge all who are affected around the world as a result of covid 19, and are unable to celebrate in the way they had hoped, are fearful for what lays ahead, and are feeling lost and vulnerable. Yet in Christ, we are given both comfort and family.

We gather together today, in a new way, to give thanks to God for all those people who have nurtured us, and to offer ourselves to nurture others, with God's help. We have also come to acknowledge the pain of a hurting, fearful and vulnerable world.

We come to receive again from the God of compassion and mercy, to receive his love and gift of hope.

Praising and Thanking God

Loving, compassionate Father,
As a mother hen gathers her chicks,
so you draw the whole human family to yourself.
Bring us together now, Lord,
that we may today and forever be united under your wing
in all our sorrows and joys.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**All 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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

Blessed 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 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.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Reader: Paul describes the Christian community as one where
we nurture each other in good times and bad.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who
consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to
console those who are in any affliction with the consolation
with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as
the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our
consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being
afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are
being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings
that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken;
for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you
share in our consolation.

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

Gospel Reading

John 19.25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to John.
All **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.

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

Talk

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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 of Intercession

See separate sheet

The Peace

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

Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All 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 Holy 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 sing:

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