

Order of Service for 10.30am Zoom Service – Sunday 14th March 2021
Mothering Sunday

Praise God who loves us
All Praise God who cares.

Praising and Thanking God

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and worked 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.

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.**

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn I the Lord of sea and sky

Readings

Colossians 3.12-17

God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things:
Show mercy to others, be kind, humble, gentle and patient. Got along with each other, and forgive each other.
If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you. Do all these things; but most importantly, love each other.
Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.
Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body to have peace.
Always be thankful. Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Everything you do or say should be done to obey Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

John 19.25b-27

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.

Sermon

Hymn Father I place into your hands

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 of Intercession

led by the Burke Family

Anthem

Thou knowest Lord

by Purcell

A prayer concerning the Coronavirus

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
in their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

An act of spiritual Communion

Jesus,
We believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
We love You above all things,
and we desire to receive You.
Since we cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.
We embrace You as if You were already there
and unite ourselves wholly to You.
Never permit us to be separated from You.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Prayer for our flowers

Heavenly Father,
we give you thanks for all good mothering
and all loving, caring relationships.
We ask you to bless these flowers that all who enjoy them
will know your forgiveness and loving kindness
and will grow in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn Tell out my soul

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.