

THE GREETING

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Today is Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday is a happy Sunday in the midst of Lent, but of course for those who have lost loved ones and for those whose experience of family, parenting and care has not been positive it is a difficult day. But it is first and foremost a Sunday to come back close to our perfect parent God. God searches us out and wants us to return to him.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, you have led us to this place, not to shield us from difficulties in human life, but to heal us and inspire us, till we see the world as you do and love it with your love through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

This morning we come before God and in a moment of quiet bring before God the brokenness of the world and of our lives. So let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ loved us.

A Song of St Anselm

**Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
+forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

A Prayer for Family Life:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life
of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may
know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN

CHOIR LED

THE READING

At the beginning of the reading you may like to say

The reading is taken from the Gospel of Saint chapterverses to

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture ALL: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

I believe in God Almighty, he who made both heaven and earth.

I believe he is our Father, and through him we have our birth.

I believe and trust in Jesus, God the Father's only Son.

I believe he came to save us for he loves us, every one.

And I love his Mother Mary, for through her my Lord was born;

born to suffer death and sorrow, born to rise on Easter morn.

I believe he lives for ever, death for him was not the end.

He returned to God his Father that his Spirit he might send.

I believe his Holy Spirit lives within our Church today.

And he gives his truth and guidance so that we will know the way.

I believe, when life is over, Christ will take us home with him,

and in joy we'll live for ever, ever more in peace Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be
used: Lord in your mercy **ALL:** Hear our
prayer

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL:** accept these prayers for the sake of your
son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE LORDS PRAYER

**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 CONCLUSION & THE FINAL BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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