

St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake

**Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
7 March 2021 at 10am**

Welcome

A churchwarden welcomes us

Opening Hymn

*All our blessings, all our joys
With thankful hearts we sing,
True, compassionate, loving God
Accept the praise we bring.*

For parents and for children,
For husbands, wives, and friends,
For those whose care enfolds us
With love that never ends.

All our blessings

For fellowship and friendship
We both receive and give,
For those who've shared our journey
And taught us how to live.

All our blessings

For all who've shared our sorrow,
Walked with us in our pain,
Who've held our hand through darkness
And showed us light again.

All our blessings

Ally Barrett

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Sentences

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed
and worked as they cared for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

Informal words of welcome are said.

Confession (*We sit or kneel*)

Lord Jesus, for the wrong things we've done, we're sorry.

Forgive us O Lord

Lord Jesus, for the wrong things we've said, we're sorry.

Forgive us O Lord

Lord Jesus, for the wrong things we've thought, we're sorry.

Forgive us O Lord

The Kyries (sung by the choir)

Lord Have Mercy , Lord Have Mercy
Christ Have Mercy , Christ Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy , Lord Have Mercy

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

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

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the

woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God..

Gospel Reading Luke 2:33-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk/Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers end with

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

With this bread that we bring

We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds

we bless you for your mercy

and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

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

**Blessed is he, blessed is he
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death O Lord;
until you come again, until you come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, the Mother of our Lord,
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (we sit or kneel)

As our Saviour 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**

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 (sung by the choir)

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.

The Invitation to Communion

Come to this table not because you must but because you may.
Come not because you have all faith but because you have some faith
and would like to have more.
Come because you love God a little and would like to love him more.
Come because all is ready and because we are his body.

During Communion

Anthem Ave Maria C. Monteverdi

Prayers after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in
this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have
tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray together

**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.**

Notices

Closing hymn

God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you, that the Church our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
Thank you for our worldwide family
Brought together under God

God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our Brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

Fred Kaan

The Blessing

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,
send us out to live and work for others. And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

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

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