



# Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist

## THE GATHERING

### Opening Hymn

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All and also with you.**

Praise God who loves us.  
**All Praise God who cares.**



### Welcome & Introduction

### Praising and thanking God

*A large candle is lit.*

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

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

## We confess our sins

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.



Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live as your children. Lord have mercy.

**All Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good. Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord have mercy.**



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 *(Special Prayer for today)*

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 your Son our Lord. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A Reading

## Gospel Reading

*The Gospel is introduced by the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N...

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**



*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

## Affirmation of Faith

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.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace



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

*We offer one another a sign of that peace by shaking hands with those around us.*

## We sing the Offertory Hymn

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during which we take the collection and the bread and wine are brought to the table

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All** The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord

**All** It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All** You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All** He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All** Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All** Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All** As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

## We say the Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## We break 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 sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## We receive communion or a blessing

## Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers

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Praise God who loves us.

**All** Praise God who cares.

For the care of mothers;

**All** Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;

**All** Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;

**All** Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing;

**All** Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;

**All** Thanks be to God.

We sing the final hymn during which flowers are distributed.



**All** Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing is said

**All** Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.



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