

Mothering Sunday All Age Worship

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.
Praise God who cares.

All



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 2

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

A Song of St Anselm 3

**Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

- 1 Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to
you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her
children.
- 2 Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
- 3 You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our
wounds, in sickness you nurse us, and with pure
milk you feed us.
- 4 Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.
- 5 Despair turns to hope through your sweet
goodness; through your gentleness we find
comfort in fear.
- 6 Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
- 7 Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
- 8 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.

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**

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

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

After each section this response may be used

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

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.**

Offertory Hymn

during which the collection will be taken

Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers

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

Children may lead the following responson

All For the care of mothers;
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 may be 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.

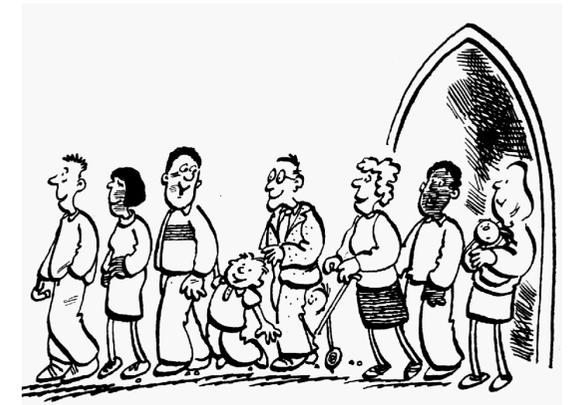
THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing or Grace is said

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

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



*Refreshments will be served
at the back of church after the service.*

*Please do not take this order
of service away. Thank you.*

Please do not take this order of service away with you