

On Line**Opening Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today reflects on Mothering Sunday, a day when traditionally we all went back to our Mother Churches, to the place where we were nurtured, loved and formed into the ways of God. Today of course we often also celebrate Mothers’ day, a day to thanks those who have mothered us in all the ways we can be cared for, It is usually a day of celebration, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:

Let us Pray - We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of motherhood. May those blessed with children be granted the gifts of courage, perseverance and good health. May they face each new day with faith and hope in your abiding love. May all families find in the strength of your love the priceless gift of peace and so bear witness to your glory.

Amen.

Most Gracious Lord, and Saviour, we greet you with all humility. You are the first and the last, the divine light and the spirit of guidance, alpha and omega. Your light is in all things, Your love in all beings: in a loving mother, a kind father, in an innocent child, in a helpful friend, and in an inspiring teacher. Allow us to recognize you in all Your holy names and forms. May the message of God reach far and wide, illuminating and making the whole of humanity as one single family in the parenthood of God. **Amen**

2nd Hymn - God of Eve and God of Mary

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

Let us confess –

Lord, many of us read these words from Your Holy Word And are inspired, encouraged, and grateful. But some of us are tempted to doubt That Your grace could ever produce these kinds of virtues in our lives.

Some of us are tempted by resentment and unforgiveness Because of those who have let us down. Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings, and all of us remember times when we have fallen short.

Forgive us for doubt, resentment, unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes. Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ.

In Spite of our failures and sin, We trust in Your power to transform our lives. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus, So that our lives may bring Joy to Your world And Praise to Your Name. Amen.

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love. **Amen.**

Let us pray

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and carefull; watch over us and hold us all the days of our life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 1:20-28 (NIV)

2nd Reading – Psalm 127:1-4 (NIV)

3rd Hymn – In The Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

3rd Reading – John 19:25-27 (NIV)

SERMON: Mothering Sunday

4th Hymn – O God Whose Steadfast Love

Let us pray

Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

5th Hymn – O blessed lamb

Presentation of offerings

On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me, and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit, strengthen us for the Christian life. May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day. 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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— To God be the Glory

Prayer for Ukraine - Londinium (chamber choir)