

The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Wakefield

# A Service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.00am

## SONG

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.***

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## **GREETING**

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

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

**And also with you.**

## **OPENING ACTIVITY**

### **WE SAY SORRY**

We come to God just as we are. We say sorry for what we have done  
wrong. We trust that God will forgive us and give us his peace.

*Silence*

We are sad because we have hurt other people and other people have  
hurt us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We are sad because we find it hard to forgive others.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We are sad because we forget how much you love us.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A PRAYER FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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.**

### **PRAISE**

**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.**

*Anselm (1109)*

### **BIBLE READING: Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG**

**For Mary, mother of our Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.**

**Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,  
though hard the task assigned,  
and by the Holy Ghost conceived  
the Saviour of mankind.**

**She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
she knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee,  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.**

*John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)*

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## **TALK**

### **CREED**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and 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**

## **PRAYERS**

*During the prayers this response may be used:*

God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end we say:*

**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **SONG**

**Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes;  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, O Lord, to arise:  
give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real;  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.**

*Words and music: Dave Bilbrough*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE**

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

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 always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.

You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.  
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

### **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The President receives communion and then gives communion to the other ministers on the dais.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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 for 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.**

## **SONG**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from Luke 1:46-55*

### **THE BLESSING**

May the Father

from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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