



Sunday 22nd March 2020
Mothering Sunday

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME

HYMN

1. GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

2. Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.**

Collect for Mothering Sunday

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,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Collect for the present time

Heavenly Father, our ever-present help in trouble, our
fortress and our God: calm the anxious fears of all who
turn to you; give strength and healing to those who are
sick, and courage and skill to those who care for them;
grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority;
and humble us all to call upon you that we may be
saved not only in this life, but also for that which is to
come, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OT Reading Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a
Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son;
and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him
for three months. ³When 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. ⁴His sister
stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
⁵The 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. ⁶When 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. ⁷Then 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?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl
went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh'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. ¹⁰When 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.'

HYMN

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 33-38

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

TALK

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.

NOTICES

PRAYERS

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.

HYMN

1. Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

5. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Blessing