

Mothering Sunday



**thanking God for all who
care for us**

At the end of the service please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
and also with you

OPENING HYMN: All our blessings all our joys

Refrain

**All our blessings, all our joys
With thankful hearts we sing,
God of love and faithfulness,
Accept the praise we bring.**

**For parents and for children,
For partners and for friends,
For those whose care enfolds us
With love that never ends. *Refrain***

**For all who've shared our sorrow,
Walked with us in our pain,
Who've held our hand through darkness
And showed us light again. *Refrain***

**For fellowship and friendship
For all we have to give,
For those who've shared our journey
And taught us how to live. *Refrain***

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SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

For the times we have failed to nurture or care for those
in need,

Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have failed to treat each other as you
want us to

Christ, have mercy.

For the times we insist on getting our own way despite
what others feel,

Lord, have mercy.

God who loves us
more we can than we can imagine,
give you forgiveness and healing
for all that is past,
and peace for all that is to come.
Amen.

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

READINGS

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN *the music group play through and then we sing*

**Take O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me**

GOSPEL READING

TALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

A TIME OF PRAYER



THE PEACE

**'God says: As a mother
comforts her child,
so will I comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you**

Sharing the peace expresses our willingness to work for peace in all our relationships, in our homes and communities. This is the peace which God desires for the whole world.

HYMN

Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.

And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.

Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:

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

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.
And 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.**

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

All are welcome at Christ's table.

Come whether you feel strong or weary, courageous or anxious, curious or unsure. Come and receive from the one who delights in you being here.

Amen. Lord, we come

Please come up for communion after this invitation. We have an open altar and in good faith all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your hands lowered. During communion the music group and children will lead us in song.

This is the body of Christ,
Broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God,
True to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul
John Bell

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul**

Refrain:

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

**He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights** *Refrain*

**And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know** *Refrain*

*Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place where your love is found.*

*Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been, all I've failed to tend.*



*Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting Your forgiveness touch all I can't forget.*

*Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth, made in Christ's own mould.*

*Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be Yours, and yet, let it still be me.*

He says that you're amazing

As you travel through this life
In your plans and in your dreams
And in everything you do
May you know a peace inside
As you hear the Father's voice
And the songs of love He sings to you

He says that you're amazing He says that you're his special one
He says that you're His precious child And there's no-one else like you
He says that you are beautiful
Do you know that you make Him smile?
Do you know that you're His heart's delight?
Do you know that you're amazing? He says that you're amazing

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew us, and remake us.
Lead us onward.
Take us with you. Amen.**



*Flowers are distributed to all in the congregation as we
celebrate and give thanks for our mothers, all who care
us and the love and care we show to one another.*

for

FINAL HYMN

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the end of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting 'til the end of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the end of day

Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Give me light in my heart, I pray
Give me light in my heart, keep me shining
Keep me shining 'til the end of day



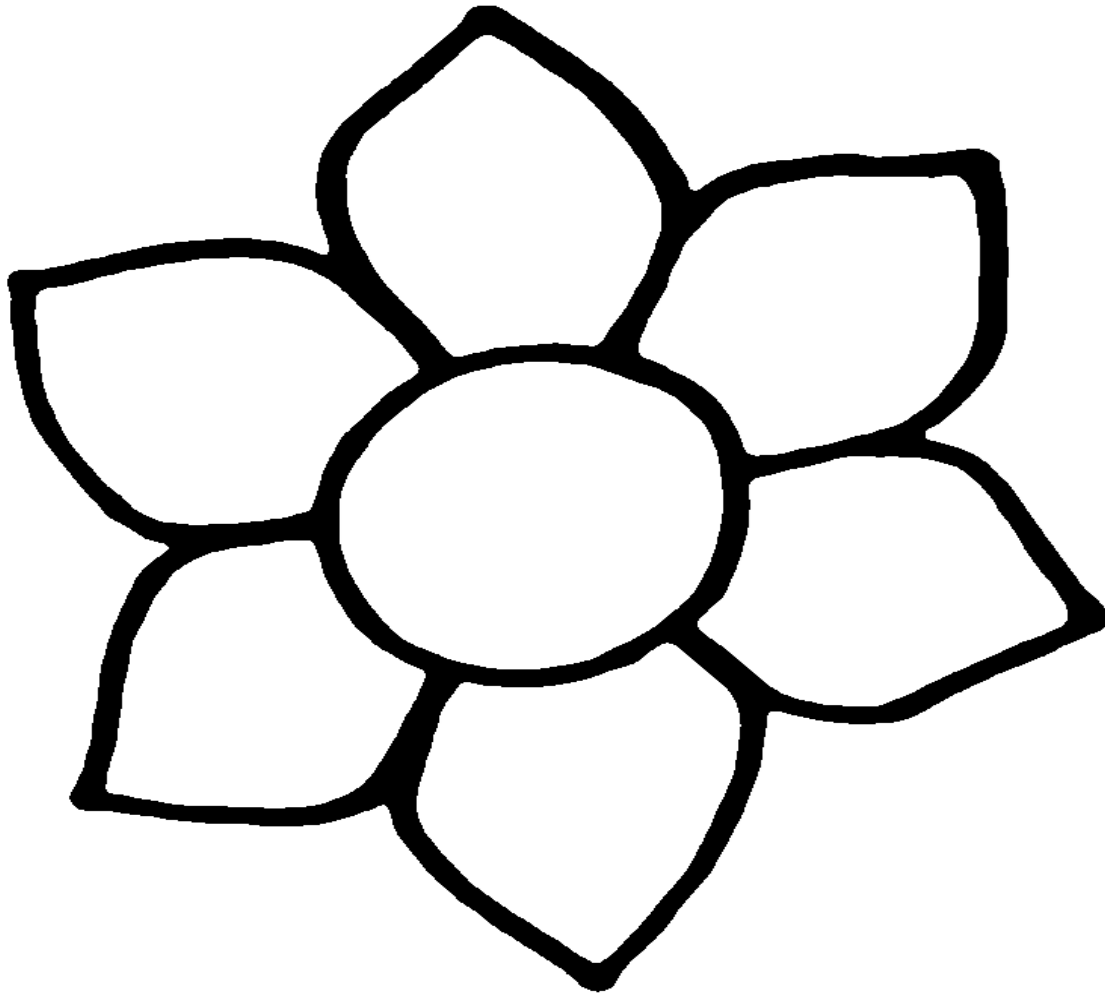
BLESSING

The God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
The God, who was born by an earthly mother, bless you:
The God, who broods as a mother over her children,
bless you.

And the God of life and love
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you,
This day and always

All: **Amen**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at ST BRIDGET'S

MAUNDY THURSDAY -28th March

Holy Communion with footwashing and a prayer vigil until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March -10 -12am

ACTIVITY TRAIL STARTING IN ST BRIDGET'S PARISH CENTRE

office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

10 am service at Caldy Church

2pm service of prayer and reflection at St Bridget's

HOLY SATURDAY churches remain open for prayer and reflection

EASTER DAY 6am bonfire on the beach at the bottom of Lingdale Road

8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Celebration with Holy Communion





SEND SOME LOVE

The flower on the inside cover can be used to give or send to someone who has shown you love or care.

Cut out the flower template.

Write a simple blessing on the petals and centre– it can be just one word if you like.



Then fold the petals in to the centre (making the creases really nice and sharp) When the flower is laid on some water with the folded petals uppermost, the petals will gradually open up and reveal your message.