

# Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Mothering Sunday

### Collect

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.

### First Reading *Exodus 2.1-10*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.

When 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.

His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The 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.

When 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.

Then his sister said to Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?

Pharaohs daughter said to her, Yes. So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaohs 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.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaohs daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, because, she said, I drew him out of the water.

This is the word of the Lord

## **Gospel Reading *John 19.25b–27***

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, Woman, here is your son.

Then he said to the disciple, Here is your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

## **Post Communion**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.