

**Sunday 14th March 2021**  
**Morning Service - Mothering Sunday**

Telephone: 0203 481 5240 from 9.50am.  
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*Greeting*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

*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 always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The 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.  
Amen.**

### ***Hymn: Bind us together***

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,  
there is only one King;  
there is only one Body,  
that is why we sing:

*Bind us together, Lord, ...*

Made for the glory of God,  
purchased by his precious Son;  
born with the right to be clean,  
for Jesus the victory has won.

*Bind us together, Lord, ...*

You are the family of God,  
You are the promise divine;  
You are God's chosen desire,  
You are the glorious new wine.

*Bind us together, Lord, ...*

Bob Gillman (b.1946) ©1977 Thankyou Music

### ***Confession***

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and  
our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live  
as your children.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help.

We ignore the cries of others.

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

***Absolution***

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse us from our sins,

and restore us in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***Reading: Colossians 3:12-17***

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Reflection by Caroline Poultney*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

*Prayers of Intercession led by Rita Sandell*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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: Now thank we all our God***

Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices;  
such wonders he has done!  
in him the world rejoices.  
He, from our mother's arms,  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

So may this generous God  
through all our life be near us;  
to fill our hearts with joy,  
and with his peace to cheer us:  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
to free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for so it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*The Blessing*

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly  
mother, bless us:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children,  
bless us.

May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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