



A Eucharist for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Welcome

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept

As God's people we have gathered:
All: let us worship him together.

The President may say some words of introduction and welcome.

**All: Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and strength of will
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence
and faith.

Silence is kept

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing
our faith:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of
trust:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The president says:

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All: Amen.

The 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.

All: Amen.

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 Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh'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. When 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 19.25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Creed

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession

We use the following response:

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

A prayer for the current situation:

God of healing and hope,
in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear.
Look with mercy on those who have contracted
the new virus,
on any who are vulnerable,
and on all who feel in danger.
Through this time of global concern,
by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the
worst in us.
Make us more aware of our interdependence on
each other, and of the strength that comes from
being one body in you.
Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.

At the end of the prayers:

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

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline

we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints
and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of 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.**

We praise you and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us into your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the bread, saying:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The President receives communion.

Prayers after 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.

All: Amen.

**All: Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted
and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

All: **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins
in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

All: **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

All: **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

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