

Mothering Sunday



*Sunday
Celebration
at All Saints
Mudford*

“God sees, knows, cares and acts”

*Welcome to our Mothering Sunday celebration.
Please join in with the words in **bold** type.*

Welcome

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares for us.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers and carers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Hymn:

*All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:

All things bright

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

All things bright

We pray for God's cleansing

Let us ask for God's forgiveness for the times we have not valued the love of others nor loved as Christ has loved us.

Your love gives us life right from the very start.

May we 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.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us*, and restore *us* in his image to the
praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord **Amen**.

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

**God of compassion whose Son Jesus Christ,
the child of Mary, shared a home life in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself, strengthen us in our daily living;
may we know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Psalm 71

⁵ For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.

⁶ **From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.**

⁷ I have become a sign to many;
you are my strong refuge.

⁸ **My mouth is filled with your praise,
declaring your splendour all day long.**

¹⁶ I will come and proclaim your mighty
acts, Sovereign Lord;

I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
**17 Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds.**
19 Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,
you who have done great things.
Who is like you, O God?

Hymn: Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for your glory

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory."

Readings

Exodus 2v1-10

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and

put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."



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This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

John 19 v25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, Thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Come almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:

let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayers

We pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Responses:

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

For the care of mothers and carers;

Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;

Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;

Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;

Thanks be to God.

Blessing:

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 for ever. **Amen**

Hymn:

You shall go out with joy

And be let forth with peace,

And the mountains and the hills

shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy

And the trees of the fields

shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,

And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,

And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,

And you'll go out with joy.

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