



Mothering Sunday

Sunday, 27 March 2022

Greeting & Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Jeremiah 31:3

**Lord, direct our thoughts,
help us to pray,
and lift up our hearts to worship you
in Spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reflective Song

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby
You kiss the face of God

Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, I Am

Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)
Mary, did you know? O

Act of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we light this candle
in recognition of the great care and love
you have for each one of us.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
in thanksgiving for all mothers,
for all they do, or once did,
for all they give, or once gave
and for all they mean and will always mean.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for mothers throughout the world.
Especially those who are struggling to
feed and care for their children.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for mothers fleeing the violence of war,
and for all who seek to protect their children from harm.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Loving God, we light this candle
for all who nurture
and encourage others.

**Loving God,
we praise and thank you.**

Confession & Absolution

God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs
of a small child alone in the reeds,
so help us to notice those areas of our own lives
needing care and attention.

Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives
for the broken-hearted.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those who
have withheld their love from us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. **Amen.**

Song

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Lesson

1 Samuel 1:20-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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.**

Blessing & Distribution of Posies

Posies are distributed to the ladies in the congregation.

Song

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain:

*O, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayers

*We offer our intercessions and our prayers
conclude with 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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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