

Mothering Sunday 2020

A Service during the outbreak of Coronavirus Covid-19. You may wish to have a candle to light and a Bible to follow the readings. A piece of bread and a cup of wine might help give some substance to the Spiritual Communion we can still enjoy with Christ and one another, even though we are not able to share together physically in the service of Holy Communion at this time.

More than ever, in these dark times, we need to renew our sense of hope; so we begin with our diocesan "Renewing Hope" Prayer.

A Candle is lit:

God our Father, renew our hope.

By the Holy Spirit's power,

Strengthen us to pray readily,

serve joyfully and grow abundantly

rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

All desires known,

And from whom no secrets are hidden:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

That we may perfectly love you,

And worthily magnify your holy name;

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith,

firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
Through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
And repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday and Collect for Lent

Mothering Sunday Readings:

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28

Psalms 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

Address. Silent Reflection

**Creed: We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family
In heaven and in 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**

Intercessions:

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

The Lord's Prayer.

**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 Church of England Prayer for this time of the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer is said, and Holy Communion is received; by the priest in bread and wine, and by us all through Christ's abiding Spiritual presence and his particular presence with us here and now in the elements of the sacrament.

Post Communion Prayers:

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in the 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.

The Blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God

Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you

And remain with you always. **Amen**

