

An Online Service
for
MOTHERING SUNDAY



Sunday 22ND March 2020



INTRODUCTION

Welcome. This service is being recorded from St Mary's for Mothering Sunday and we hope will help the parish to connect during this time while gathering in person to worship must be suspended. Our parish website www.stmarysmerton.org.uk will become ever more important as a means to stay connected and sustain our spiritual life.

With thanks to all involved, especially all the musicians to whom we are most grateful.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

For our Mothers and all who care for us, let us thank the Lord, as we reach out in safe ways towards each other, especially the elderly and those most vulnerable.

Let us remember too all whose mothers have gone before us, as we join our prayers and praise with all members of Mother Church who guides us on our Way.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

HYMN For the beauty of the earth 104

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled:
**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

4. For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
**Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

CONFESSIOIN

kneel

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

Your love gives us life from the very beginning.
Yet we fail to live as your children.

Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good and reach out beyond ourselves.
Help us to serve one another and to seek the common good.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

You hear us Lord when we cry for help. Lead us in the ways of love so we do not ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Sung

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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.

All Amen.



THE COLLECT - PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Stand

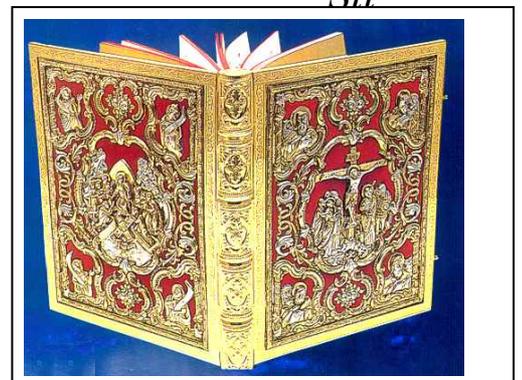
All:

**O 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. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD - LISTEN TO THE BIBLE

Colossians 3: 12-17

Sit



At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 19: 25b -27

At the end the reader says

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon The Revd Judith Bersweden

Sit

The Creed - Let us stand and profess our faith.

Stand

**All 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.**

INTERCESSIONS - WE SAY OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Let us pray

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
for their care and concern;
for the joys they have shared with us;
for the pains they have borne for us;
and thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Loving God,
Thank you for mothers and children
and for all the joy of family life.
Let your love be present in every home.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be with those whose child has died.
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no
children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from
those they love.
Help your church to be aware of their needs,
and to offer your love with compassion and hope.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nurturing God,
We thank you for those people you put in our lives
who have cared for us and guided us.
We pray for all those in mothering roles,
those who find great joy in this, and those who struggle.

May they turn to you for all they need – patience, love, peace.
Protect them at this uncertain time,
and help us all to recognise what we can offer
to support those in need through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A prayer for our families and communities

Loving God,
source of healing and comfort,
fill us with your grace,
that the sick may be made whole,
that those who care for us may be strengthened,
that the anxious may be calmed,
and those most vulnerable be protected
in the power of the Spirit and
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem All things bright and beautiful – John Rutter

THE LORD’S PRAYER – AS JESUS TAUGHT US Kneel
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All 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.**

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

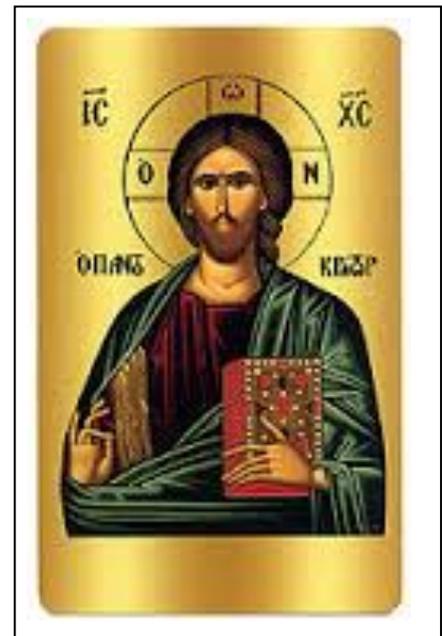
**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.**

THE 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 you,
the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace

to love and serve the Lord.

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

Organ Voluntary