

## **Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

#### **Introduction to Mothering Sunday**

A prayer for Mothering Sunday:

Loving God,  
Thank you for mums and children  
And for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving  
Because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling  
Because they have no children;  
Be near those who are sad  
Because they are far apart from those they love.  
Let your love be present in every home,  
And help your church to have eyes to see  
And ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Song:** Now Thank we all our God

#### **Invitation to Confession:**

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me

#### **Confession:**

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Words of Forgiveness:**

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Collect for today**

**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.**

**Reading:** Philippians 4:2-9

**Reading:** John 14: 23-27

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

**Sermon:**

### **Time for Reflection**

**Song:** Make me a Channel of your Peace

**Intercessions:**

**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.**

**Notices:**

**Song:** How Great Thou Art

**Blessing**

Let us go from here rejoicing that God loves us and welcomes us with open arms.

As the children of God, we take his love into the world that others may also rejoice and be part of his family.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with us and remain with us always.

Amen.

**Closing response**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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