

Mothering Sunday



Ramoan and Culfeightrin

Welcome

Rector: Praise God who loves us

All: Praise God who cares

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

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Rector: We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Rector: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

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

(Silence for reflection)

Rector: Your love gives us life from the moment of conception, we fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Rector: You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Rector: You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

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.

Lenten Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that you have made,
and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent;
create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting
our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

**All: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
 as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

1. Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
2. Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.
3. You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
4. Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life:
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.
5. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness:
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
6. Your warmth gives life to the dead:
Your touch makes sinners righteous.
7. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:
in your love and tenderness remake us.
8. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.
 Amen**

Second Reading

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Rector: Let us declare our faith in God.

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

Rector: Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God.
Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love,
security and truth.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Rector: Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and
Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those
families living under stress and may your love be known where no
human love is found.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Rector: Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that
all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalised, the
rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Rector: Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing
among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where
there is suppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may
bring peace to all your children.

God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer—(Our Father, who art in heaven...)

Rector: For the care of mothers;
All: Thanks be to God.
Rector: For their patience when tested;
All: Thanks be to God.
Rector: For their love when tired;
All: Thanks be to God.
Rector: For their hope when despairing;
All: Thanks be to God.
Rector: For their service without limit;
All: Thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Blessing

Rector: Eternal God, we offer our thanks that through our earthly lives
You speak of your eternal life.
We rejoice in the wonder of creation, the gift of human life
and the many blessings that our relationships bring.
Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit;
that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Rector: 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 forever.
All: Amen

