

Mothering Sunday Service

March 30, 2025

- A service of prayer and thanksgiving for mothers and women; led by children.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Leader: Welcome to our Mothering Sunday Family Service

We come here today to thank God for mothers and carers around the world. It takes a very special love to care for a family.

Today we'll celebrate that love and thank God for his own perfect love for us all.

We're not all mothers ourselves but we all have a mother, whether or not they are still with us, and we are all children of God. He is our loving Father but is also the one who remembers and comforts us as a mother comforts her child and draws us close as a hen protects her chicks.

Mothering Sunday was originally the day in the year for people to visit their parish Cathedral - or Mother Church. Later it came to refer to the Sunday three weeks before Easter when young women in domestic service would return home to visit their mother before the busyness of Easter.

These days it is a day for showing our appreciation to mums, through the giving of cards and presents. Today we want to show our appreciation to all women and to celebrate the goodness and love shown to us by all women who care for us or who are part of our lives. We also want to remember that this goodness comes from God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere, and for the special love they have for their children. We thank you Jesus for your special care and comfort and the perfect love you have for us all. Help us all to show your love to those who care for us, and to the people that we meet in our lives. Amen

Psalm 96 verses 1 – 10 Jenelle

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendour of his^[a] holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SONG:

Cornerstone (YouTube)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, Cornerstone

*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

**First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-21
Emmanuel**

10 ^(b)A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her

and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

Jerusha

22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is respected at the city gate,

where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them,

and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;

she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the affairs of her household

and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise and call her blessed;

her husband also, and he praises her:

29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;

but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

31 Honour her for all that her hands have done,

and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

This is the word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God

Confession:

Let us prepare our hearts.

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.

Silence

CONFESSION

Almighty God, lover of all, giver of all grace. Look mercifully upon us who acknowledge our sins and failures. Create in us a pure heart, give us clean hands and a steadfast spirit; and lead us in the paths of holiness and righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins, heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

In Christ alone my hope is found (1346)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6: 1 - 3 Elizabeth

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honour your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Luke 1:46-55 Elesha

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors.”

1 Samuel 1:27-28 Caydon

²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshipped the LORD there.

Song: Goodness of God (YouTube)

I love You, Lord

Your mercy never failed me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

And in darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

[Bridge]

Your goodness is running after,

it's running after me

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after,

it's running after me,

Your goodness is running after,

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Prayers: Elesha

King's Club Presentation

Sharing Thoughts on Mothering Sunday Maya

This poem is called The Difference and it is for busy mothers everywhere.

**I got up early one morning
And rushed into the day
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray**

**Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task
Why doesn't God help me? I wondered
He answered "You didn't ask"**

**I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak
I wondered why God didn't show me
He said "but you didn't seek"**

**I tried to come into God's presence
I used all my keys at the lock
God gently and lovingly chided
"My child, you didn't knock"**

**I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.**

**PRAYERS: King's Club
Maya**

Let us pray,
Dear Jesus,
We thank you for all mothers and carers around the world, and for all they do for children. We thank you for their patience when we don't get things right. We thank you for their encouragement when we find life hard. We pray that mums would feel really special today and that you would remind us every day to show them as much love and help as they give us. Amen.

Grace

God of all creation, we praise you every day for mothers. Thank you God for another Mother's Day that we may rise and call mothers of every race and background blessed and highly favoured by you. Amen

Emily

Please bless our mothers. Ease their worry for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow. May they know our deep gratitude for giving us life and love, we ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Maya

Loving God, we thank you for your love of our mother's. We pray for them to receive your strength and guidance so that we might love as Jesus loved us so that we might live as you meant us to live

Grace

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our mothers. Thank you that our mothers always believe in us, no matter what. Thank you that they always trust, always hope and always care – in short, they always love us, just like you.

Emily

O God you are like a loving mother. You nourish us with your love and grace every day. We thank you for loving us like a mother.

All: This we believe that love is stronger than hate; that hope is stronger than despair, and that good is stronger than evil. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and 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 forever.
Amen.**

SONG:

I Sing Jesus – Charity Gayle (YouTube)

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
I know there is peace within Your presence;
I speak Jesus

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

*Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire*

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family
I speak the holy name; Jesus.

PEACE

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us with a love beyond imagining; with a love which dispels fear; with a love which holds and guides us through life's trials and joys.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Offering Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, (470)

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council. If you prefer to give using the **Parish Giving Scheme** visit their website: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. We also now have the ability to receive **contactless** contributions.*

PRAYER

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn before Sermon

These are the days of Elijah, (1047)

Sermon/Talk by Cornelius

Hymn after Sermon

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! (44)

INTERCESSIONS: PATHFINDERS Elizabeth

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

Such love, pure as the whitest snow (514)

SONG:

Sweet Mother - YouTube - to be played while women process around the church

FINAL PRAYER, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

(Eastside Young Leaders Academy - Pam Lewis)

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the lord look kindly upon you and give you
his peace...

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you (and all you love), now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen




NOTICES

1. **Tuesday morning prayer** from 9:30
2. **Please complete an electoral roll form** if you are a regular member here. The electoral roll must be revised this year.
3. **Special thanks to the children and young people and their teachers for planning and leading this morning's Mothering Sunday service.**
4. **Welcome to members from the Eastside Young Leaders Academy** and the family of our late brother Ray. We remember with

them today his departure from us a year ago. We pray that he will rest in the peace of Christ. We pray for his family and the Eastside family that God will grant them grace as they move forward without Ray. We pray that his memory and his legacy will live on in and through them through Christ our Lord. Amen

5. **Confirmation** classes for 20 minutes after this service. Confirmation service here Sunday **July 13 at 10:30**.
6. **LENT Giving:** If you would like to give extra as part of your lent discipline, please use an envelope and write Lent Gift on it. Thanks
7. **Please take a copy of the Good News Newspaper.** It is a good read.



8. Please remember to **subscribe and use the bell** if you use YouTube in your morning and evening prayers.  
9. **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every other Friday from 7:30**
10. **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week on zoom from 8pm. ALL ARE INVITED** 

11. Church of England daily prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>
12. The next **Pastoral Care part 1 course** is being arranged at **The Diocesan Office, 53 New Street, Chelmsford CM1 1AT** and will go ahead so long as we have sufficient numbers to make the course viable. Diane Hardy: dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org
The dates and times of sessions are as follows:-
Saturdays 9.00am to 4.00pm
7th June; 21st June; 5th July
13. **Holy week services April 13-20:**
Palm Sunday march and service 10:15;
Monday at 6pm--- St Anthony's RC church;
Tuesday at 7:30 - St. Mark's;
Wednesday at 7:30 - Woodgrange Baptist;

Maundy Thursday at 6pm foot washing and fish and chips service;

Good Friday 10am service around the cross and 12noon march of witness; Sunday – Resurrection celebration service at 10:30

14. **Annual meeting of parishioners – May 11 – reports are due by Easter.**
15. **We are hoping to replace our boiler this summer. The total cost for this is almost £8000. If you are able to help with this cost, we would be very grateful. Thanks**

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in our world. We pray for all people who are caught up in war and conflicts and violence. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons of war. We pray that you will break all the weapons of war and frustrate all the plans and schemes of those who seek war. We pray that you will hasten the day when you will judge between the nations and will settle all disputes among peoples. We pray for the day when they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. We pray for the day when nation will not take up sword or guns or bombs against nation nor will they train for war any more. We pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Hasten this day O God we pray, in Jesus' name. **Amen** .

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

*I arise today,
through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.*

*Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen*

If you want to change the world...PRAY.

PRAYER FOCUS:



If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.

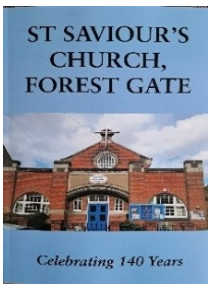
Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

*For I am the Lord who heals you. Ex15:26
Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you.
(1 Peter 5:7)*

Roy and Pauline Haywood, Samuel and Pauline Bookal-Downes, Doreen, Noel Morris, Suriyakala Johnson, Attlee (and Revd Janetta), Jean and Walter, Monica, Sue (Daisy and family), Veronica and Chester, Dolly and Desmond, Jean Murphy, Pat and Ray Vincent, Muriel (and son Simon), David Martins, Veronica James, Monica and daughter (Sheryl), Radcliffe and Pauline, Andy and Anita, Una, Ann and Richard (in Wales), Kianna – (Ann's granddaughter) and her stepmum – Lucy and brother Ian, Spencer (Sophie's son), Jennifer, Kay and Calvin Brown and Michelle (in Jamaica); Ilene (Hillary's mum), Karen (Hillary's sister), Hillary, Tia (Maxine's great grandniece); Marcia (Noel's sister whose husband passed away recently), Vicky (St. James School – recovering from surgery)...

**RIP—Cheryl Brown - farewell service
Friday April 11th at 1:30pm**

Please remember to promote and purchase a



copy of our book. The majority of the proceeds will go towards helping to sort out our heating.

Donation: £10 Thanks.

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