



**KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH**  
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# Mothering Sunday



## Sunday 14 March 2021

# **The Gathering**

## **Welcome and Notices**

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

### **336 NEH Angel voices ever singing**

**Angel voices, ever singing,  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day or night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee,  
And confess Thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer,  
All unworthily,  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit,  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.**

### **Gathering Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks  
for all those who have mothered us in our lives.  
In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love,  
please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort,  
nurture, protection and support.  
We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us,  
so that we might celebrate your goodness together  
even through our own brokenness.  
Amen**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.  
Amen**

### **Prayer of Penitence**

Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus 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**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**Readings** read by Robert B

A reading from the first book of Samuel, chapter one beginning at the twentieth verse

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your

presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’  
She left him there for the Lord.

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

I Samuel 1.20-end

A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Colossians, Chapter three beginning at the twelfth verse

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Colossians 3.12-17

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,  
**Glory to you O Lord**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

John 19.25b-27

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** led by Jean B

### *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

#### 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.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **185 Sing we of the blessed mother**

**Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angels word,  
And obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the Joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
From on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest in the wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May thy Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer G**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray  
**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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body**  
**because we all share in the one bread.**

**Behold the Lamb of God, behold the lamb of God.**  
**He takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

### Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to communion*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Please indicate if you would like a gluten-free wafer.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, please bow your head at the altar rail to indicate this.*

## 137 Come down, O love divine

**Come down, O Love divine!  
seek out this soul of mine  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**There let it freely burn  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and make my pathway clear, by your illumining.**

**Let holy charity  
my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart  
which takes the humbler part,  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace  
till we become the place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this 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. **Amen**

## Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,

send us out to live and work for others.

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

be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **394 Let all the world in every corner sing**

**Let all the world, in every corner, sing:**

**My God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,**

**His praise may thither fly,**

**The earth is not too low,**

**His praises there may grow,**

**Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,**

**my God and king!**

**The church with psalms must shout,**

**no door can keep them out;**

**But, above all, the heart**

**must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!**

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