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Holy Eucharist

Mothing Sunday

Sunday 27th March 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

About the service this morning...

“As truly as God is Father, so just as truly is He our mother.”

~ Julian of Norwich (1342 - 1416)

Today is mid-Lent Sunday, known as Mothering Sunday because of the ancient custom on that day for everyone to return to their mother church – the cathedral church of the area. For some, this would be the only time that the whole family could gather together. Nowadays a number of themes run through our Mothering Sunday service, which include: thanksgiving for all who undertake a mothering role and all who care for the young; recognising the pain that some carry through childlessness or bereavement at the loss of a child or parent; thanksgiving for the part that the Virgin Mary played in our redemption; and prayers for the ministry of women in the worldwide church, who is ‘mother to us all’.

*Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers).*

*Hymns can be found in the **English Hymnal**.*

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, 'Rhosymedre'
Voluntary in C

R. Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)
John Stanley (1713 - 1786)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

Magnificat,
anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat anima mea!

*Sing out my soul.
and glorify the Lord who sets us free
Sing out and glorify the Lord God!*

Taizé chant
Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

Introduction

For many years the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been observed as *Mothering Sunday*. The tradition arose from a sentence in St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which for many centuries was read in the Epistle of this Sunday: in it St Paul writes of "*Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all*".

So, on this day we give thanks to God who gives us New Birth, and for the Church which, like a mother, nurtures us in the life of the Spirit.

We also give thanks for our own human mothers, and for all the qualities of mothering, given and received in this congregation.

*All **STAND** and join in singing the hymn at the procession.*

Hymn at the Procession

**Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.**

**2. What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.**

**3. How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
who finds in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.**

**4. Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
For God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Tune: ELLACOMBE
Maine Gesangbuch, 1833

Please be SEATED.

Opening Responses

Leader On this day, 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.**

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Leader 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.**

Presbyter On this day, this candle is lit
to remember mothers not with us,
to bring into the light of Christ
any shadows of imperfect mothering
and to draw into Christ's love
all who mother others today.
Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence & Absolution

The presbyter invites the people to confess their sins.

Let us call to mind all that separates us from God,
our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ loves us.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

All sing.

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us</i>

From the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church

Presbyter

May the God of love and power
forgive you † and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by His Spirit,
and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **Page 454 & Page 445**
Read by the Presbyter

A reading from the Book of Exodus 16. 2 - 7

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the cantors to a chant by Luther

Psalm 46 • *Deus noster refugium*

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

⁴ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

All STAND. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

Please be SEATED.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews 12. 22 - 24

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn | **# 383**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Tune: REPTON

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 455**

**All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory.**

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

*The Gospeller
All*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John 6. 1 - 14
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

*The Gospeller
All*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

All sing

**Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity;
Oh, Thou Spirit divine,
All, my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.**

Words: Albert Orsborn (1886 - 1967)

Music: Revd T. M. Jones (1891 - 1978)

Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together.

The Nicene Creed | Page 354

Please be **SEATED**.

Sermon

Mrs. Leigh Fisher

Anthem

All things bright and beautiful

Refer hymn # 587

Sung to a setting by John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**.

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant Praise God who loves us.

All **Praise God who cares.**

Celebrant Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.

Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn at the Offertory | # 490

The King of love my Shepherd is

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME

Please be SEATED.

Lent Prose

Refrain (all)

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against Thee.**

Cantors

Sins oft committed now we lay before Thee with true
contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

The Prayers of the People

Kneel as able or remain seated.

Intercessor

As Christ showed his love on the cross, in his compassion
for his mother and his sacrifice for us all, may we know
what it is to love and be loved, in words and in actions.
Lord hear us,

All

Lord graciously hear us.

May we reflect God's love in our families, our church and
our community; so that the world can see that we are
followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and
draw others into His loving care. Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

Into your loving arms, loving God, we place children whose
reality is difficult, for those who live in poverty, in turmoil,
or in fear, and those who support them. Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all children and families supported by welfare
agencies – for refugee children, for young carers, for those
who have run away from home, for those whose lives are
affected by drugs or alcohol, for children living with
disabilities, for traveller children and for those who live in
danger of abuse. Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray that you will give those working with these
children and families wisdom, insight, patience,
professionalism and something more of your heart. Lord
hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all mothers who are struggling to be the parent they want to be.

We pray for the barriers that face them and the chains that ensnare, whether that be past experiences, circumstance, or difficult choices . Lord hear us,

Lord graciously hear us.

May lives be changed,
the past redeemed and
the future become one of hope.

We make this prayer through Christ,

Amen.

The Consecration | **Page 363**

The Communion | **Page 368**

Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.

During the administration of Communion, while seated, we sing

Hymn

**I've found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in Him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay;
He tells me every care on Him to roll.**

***He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.***

**He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower;
I've all for Him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart and now He keeps me by His power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempt me sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.**

Continued overleaf.

**He'll never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do His blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
From His manna He my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory to see His blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll.**

Words: Charles William Fry (1837 - 1882)

Tune: SALVATIONIST
Ira D. Sankey (1840 - 1908)

All STAND

Prayer after Communion

The Presbyter says

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.

All say.

Prayer for Mothers

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

The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you.
May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you.
May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All join in singing the hymn at the closing.

Hymn at the Closing | # 533

Now thank we all our God

Tune: NUN DANKET

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)

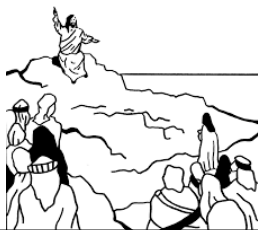
*Mid week Eucharist during Lent
Wednesday 7.30 am*

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † all senior citizens in our congregation.
- † the choir and organist as they prepare the music for Passiontide and Easter.
- † an end to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia and for lasting peace.
- † in the Diocese, Jubilee Malayalam Church and the Revd Aby Thomas.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Patna and the Rt Revd. Francis Hansda.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Jaffna (Sri Lanka) and the Rt Revd Daniel Selvaratnam Thiagarajah.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Myanmar and the Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo.
- We extend our warm welcome to Mrs. Leigh Fisher and Mr. Geoffery Fisher. Leigh is a qualified teacher, teacher trainer and education manager with a track record of social and community achievement. She is actively involved in her home parish of St Jude's, Melbourne. Leigh has been a Sunday school teacher, led worship teams and training programmes for mission and leadership for women in various churches in the UK. Her husband, Geoffrey Fisher (the grandson of Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, 1887 - 1972 – the 99th Archbishop of Canterbury) is the Head of B.D. Somani International School. They worship at the Afghan Church in Colaba. We thank, Leigh, for preaching this morning.
- **"The Cross of Christ"** – A devotion during Passiontide for congregation and choir on Saturday 9th April at 6.30 p.m.

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Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount

Date Friday 1st April 2022 @ 7 pm
Zoom ID 2292392476
Password 123456
Speaker The Revd Paras Tayade



Revd Tayade is the Pastor of Sword of the Spirit Church in Baner. He was on the faculty of Union Biblical Seminary, Pune where he taught pastoral care and counselling.

Journey to Jerusalem: Lent Talk Series

Date Saturday 2nd April 2022 @ 7pm
Note the change in day.
Speaker Vivin Mathew Easo
Topic Theatre and the Church – Passion Play
Zoom ID 2292392476
Password 123456



Vivin has worked extensively in the world of communication, marketing and public relations. For some time he also ran his own advertising agency. Vivin has a passion for theatre. The rich experience Vivin garnered from working with renowned names in Indian theatre led him to start the 'Theatre for Change' movement. This initiative serves as a platform for young people to reflect and introspect on social issues.

In his talk, Vivin plans to take us on a special journey where we understand the relationship between the church and theatre over the ages. He will take us further back in time to the drama-filled events of Passiontide itself.

Birthdays this Week
May God bless you abundantly.

Shantha Kumar (27), Ria George (28), Natanya George (31),
Sarah Cleventine (1st April), Ashwini Millns (1), Mervyn Pengal (1)

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to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

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