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Mothering Sunday, Year A

Dear friends,

Some adjustments to our notice sheet this week. I have included an order of service for Mothering Sunday, which you may like to read (and sing?) through for yourself. There are details in the order of service of how you can give to the MU's Make a Mother's Day appeal. Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15pm on Sunday or iPlayer also features the MU.

Our Archbishops' have called for Mothering Sunday to be a national day of prayer and action, and to mark that if you can at 7pm by lighting a candle in your window as a sign of hope and solidarity, taking a moment to pray, and some time today to do something for someone else – make a phone call, send a card, buy a donation for a food bank, give in another way. They also point out that an alternative to singing Happy Birthday (twice) to measure 20 seconds while washing your hands is to say the **Lord's prayer** – may we all try this for a week?

We are all astonished at how quickly our situation has changed. It will take time to work out how we can do our best as a church community, following the government's advice and our bishops' instructions. One thing that is clear is that we want to keep in touch with each other, especially those who are following the more stringent guidelines about staying at home. Please let me know if you, or someone else you know at church, is **staying at home** so we can be sure to keep in touch. Or if someone you know would like to receive these notices but hasn't – we do not have contact details for everyone. And, of course, if you need practical help, as we all probably will in the next few months, even for some small thing.

My intention is to circulate **notices** like this weekly to those who we know won't be coming out, and to have them available in church. We will include prayer resources and reflections. I sent out two updates about the current situation by **email** this week – if you read email but didn't receive those please let me know. There may come a time when it is difficult for us to distribute this newsletter due to people self-isolating – so if you can receive updates by email, please email me on natasha.c.woodward@gmail.com to be added to this list. For more chat and informal support (and laughs) we also have a Whatsapp group to use on a mobile phone – message me on 07758 579 369 to be added.

Volunteering For those who can there will be plenty of opportunities to help others. I would be pleased to hear if anyone felt able to volunteer for the following tasks

- Keeping in touch with people by phone
- Delivering leaflets to church members
- Helping church members with shopping etc
- Updating facebook/whatsapp/twitter with resources and info
- Help collect and deliver food bank donations
- Helping keep the church open for private prayer

or any others you might think of.

Get in touch with any ideas, info or comments - or just a chat! And thank you for your good wishes, I am feeling well - just a lingering sore throat which has been with me for some time.

Best wishes,

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Events today

1.15pm MU Songs of Praise on BBC1

3pm Choral Evensong on Radio 3

(archive recording)

7pm Light a candle in a window

Church Opening

The church is open from 10am – noon every day.

Someone will be available to chat with, with resources for private prayer.

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

Order of Service for Mothering Sunday

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Penitence

Come let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God,

in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us;

deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us;

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God's forgiveness is proclaimed.

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**

Hymn: (tune: Morning has broken)

- 1 Fathers and mothers,
Sisters and brothers,
All those who love us,
For whom we care:
Help and befriend them,
Keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
This is our prayer.**
- 2 And for those others,
Fathers and mothers,
Children who hunger,
They must be fed:
We would be caring,
Readily sharing,
One with another
Our daily bread.**
- 3 Sisters and brothers,
Fathers and mothers,
We who together
Offer our praise:
Hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
May we walk with you**

All of our days.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) AM 136

Gospel reading

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2: 41-52).

Glory to you, O Lord.

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for Passover. And when Jesus was twelve years old, they all went there as usual for the celebration. After Passover his parents left, but they did not know that Jesus had stayed on in the city. They thought he was traveling with some other people, and they went a whole day before they started looking for him. When they could not find him with their relatives and friends, they went back to Jerusalem and started looking for him there.

Three days later they found Jesus sitting in the temple, listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was surprised at how much he knew and at the answers he gave.

When his parents found him, they were amazed. His mother said, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been very worried, and we have been searching for you!"

Jesus answered, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he meant.

Jesus went back to Nazareth with his parents and obeyed them. His mother kept on thinking about all that had happened.

Jesus became wise, and he grew strong. God was pleased with him and so were the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and
friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn:

You can give to the work of the Mother's Union 'Make a Mother's Day appeal' at www.makeamothersday.org or calling 020 7222 5533

**1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:**

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

**2 Give me peace in my heart, keep
me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of
day:**

**3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:**

*Author Unknown
adapted by A. Sevison and others
AM 638*

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty
clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for
ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done; on earth as it
is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Agnus Dei

sung: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace, grant us
peace.

Invitation to Communion

Hymn:

- 1. This is the day (2)
That the Lord has made. (2)
We will rejoice, (2)
And be glad in it. (2)
This is the day that the Lord has
made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.***

**2. This is the day
When he rose again**

**3. This is the day
When the Spirit came**

Author unknown, CH 625

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we
who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the
Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Distribution of flowers

Blessing

Hymn:

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his
word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926), based on Luke 1.46-55 , AM 394, CCL 424001

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