



Welcome

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30 March



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

The Priest goes to his place and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*The priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your
love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your
salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*We sing the **Kyrie**, which you will find on the
separate music sheet.*

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen**.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is said.*

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.*

First Reading

Exodus 2.1-10, read by Abra

¹A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.

⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1.3-7, read by Jennifer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

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!

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you
Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
 Jesus Christ according to
 Luke (2, 33-35)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

³³The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say the **Creed***

Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
 source of all being and life,
 the one for whom we exist?
All We believe and trust in him.
Priest Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
 who took our human nature,
 died for us and rose again?
All We believe and trust in him.
Priest 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?
All We believe and trust in him.
Priest This is the faith of the Church.
All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*
At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always
All And also with you
Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken during the **hymn**, but you may prefer to use the contactless machine at the back of church.

**Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to the 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.**

**2. 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 from the awful tree,
Son of God and child of Mary,
born to set the sinner free.**

**3. 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,
heav'nly breath of God's own being
tokened in the wind and flame.**

**4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary,
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heav'nly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with
grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see His face.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this bread
to offer, which earth has
given and human hands have
made. It will become for us
the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this wine
to offer. Fruit of the vine and
work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Pray my sisters and brothers
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the
Almighty Father

**All May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hand, for
the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and
the good of all his Church.**

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply* **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**All It is right to give thanks
and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music
sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues
until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
**All: Dying you destroyed our
death
Rising you restored our
life
Lord Jesus come in glory**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever
All: Amen

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so
 we pray:

**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**

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

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who
 takes away the sin of the
 world, blessed are those who
 are called to his supper.
**All Lord, I am not worthy to
 receive you,
 but only say the word,
 and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation approaches the altar to receive
Communion.*

*All those who are in good standing with their
own Church are invited to receive Communion.
Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are
invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or
bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

**Please keep absolute silence during
Communion**

*After Communion we remain seated to sing the
hymn*

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring
your love
Where there is injury, your pardon
Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in
you**

*Oh, master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

**2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me
bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy**

Oh, master etc....

**3. Make me a channel of your peace
It isn't pardoning that we are
pardoned
In giving to all men let we receive
And in dying that we're born to
eternal life**

Post Communion Prayers:

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**

We say together:

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your **Spirit**
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn**.*

Now thank we all our **God,**
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous **God**
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to **God**
the **Father** now be given,
the **Son**, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal **God,**
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Holy Week Services

*Please make every effort to attend the
solemn services of Holy Week.*

Palm Sunday 13 April

11am Sung Eucharist for Palm Sunday
4pm Choral Evensong

Monday 14 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 15 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 16 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist
7.30pm Tenebrae,

Maundy Thursday 17 April

6pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 18 April

2pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday 20 April

11am Sung Eucharist for Easter Day

‘What’s On’ this week

Tuesday 1 April

2.30pm Memorial Service for the late Nigel Garton RIP

Wednesday 2 April

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

2pm Church closed for a corporate event

Thursday 3 April

1pm Funeral of the late Edwin Shaw RIP

Friday 4 April

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 5 April

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 6 April

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist,

for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the beginning of Passiontide

Please note that there is a ‘half Marathon’ in London today and you may need to adjust your route to church.

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