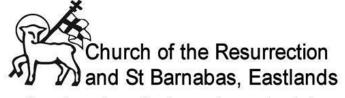
The Holy Eucharist Mothering Sunday





A place of worship and welcome, sharing Christ's love

The Guitar music playing is based on the hymn tune Germany, often used for the hymn "We have a gospel to proclaim".

The Gathering

Gathering Hymn – All things bright and beautiful sung by St Martin's Voices

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings:

Refrain

The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky: *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one: *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God almighty, who has made all things well: Refrain

Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

We gather to worship God

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Lord, speak to us

All that we may hear your word.

Move among us

All that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

All that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

We say sorry for things we have done wrong

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Your love gives life from the moment of conception, but we fail to live as your children. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good, but we seek our own good. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help, but we ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse * us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The 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. When 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. Then 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?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh'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. When 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.'

Exodus 2:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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 his 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

your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19:25b-27

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We affirm our Faith

All 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 on God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We pray

Prayers end

Merciful Father

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn - Now thank we all our God *sung by St Martin's Voices*

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

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd 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. 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.

> Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We share a Sign of Peace

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.

The Offering

You are encouraged to continue to give for your church even when we are unable to meet in our church building. May these words encourage you to continue to put the money in your envelopes or set up a Standing Order via your bank:

"Excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7)
"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" (Mother
Theresa)

Offertory Prayer

All Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer G)

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 gave us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All 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.

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, gave it to them and 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:

All 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 of your glory. Bring us at the last with *St Barnabas* and 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:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All 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

All though we are many, we are one body, because we all shall share one bread.

The Agnus Dei is said

All 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.

Communion

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 President receives the Body and the Blood on behalf of the people. The president lifts the priest wafer and says before receiving the bread

The Body of Christ.

All Amen.

The president lifts the wine and says before receiving the wine

The Blood of Christ.

All Amen.

The people are encouraged to say the words of Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

The president says the Post Communion prayer to which all respond **Amen.** Then the following prayer is said

All Lord,

we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you

All Amen.

Final Hymn - Tell out, my soul

sung by St Martin's Voices

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.

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.

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.

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 (born 1926) from Luke 1 vs46-55 © administered by Oxford University Press in Europe (including UK and Ireland) and Africa, and by Hope Publishing Company in all other territories (including USA)

The Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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