

Holy Eucharist: Mothering Sunday

Hymn:

**Songs of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with alleluias rang,
When creation was begun,
When God spake and it was done.**

**Songs of praise awoke the morn
When the Prince of peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when he
Captive led captivity.**

**Heaven and earth must pass away;
Songs of praise shall crown that day:
God will make new heavens and earth;
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.**

**And will man alone be dumb
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No, the church delights to raise
Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.**

**Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.**

**Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise,
Jesu, glory unto thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.**

The Gathering

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

Grace and peace be with you
And keep you in the love of Christ

Please sit or kneel

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.

No secrets are hidden from you.

**Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite,
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners,
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you plead for us at the right hand of the Father
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Silence for reflection

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Collect

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 our Lord. **AMEN.**

Exodus 2: 1-10

A man from the house of Levi married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him 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."

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

Psalm 34: 11-20

Come, my children, and / listen • to / me:

I will / teach • you the / fear • of the / Lord.

Who is there who de- / lights in / life:

and longs for / days • to en- / joy good / things?

Keep your / tongue from / evil:

and your / lips from / lying / words.

Turn from evil / and do / good: seek / peace / and pur- / sue it.

The eyes of the Lord are up- / on the / righteous:

and his ears are / open / to their / cry.

The face of the Lord is against / those • who do / evil:

to root out the re- / membrance • of them / from the / earth.

**The righteous cry * and the / Lord / hears them:
and delivers them / out of / all their / troubles.**

**The Lord is near to the / broken- / hearted:
and will save / those • who are / crushed in / spirit.**

**Many are the / troubles • of the / righteous:
from them / all • will the / Lord de- / liver them.**

**He keeps / all their / bones:
so that not / one of / them is / broken.**

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who 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. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If 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. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

Gradual:

I was glad when they said unto me:

We will go into the house of the Lord.

Peace be within thy walls:

And plenteousness within thy palaces.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Luke 2: 33-35

The father and mother of the child Jesus were amazed at what was being said about him. Then 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

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

The Sermon

Let us affirm the church's faith in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Following each intercession:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And after the final prayer:
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace (Please stand)

Now that we have been justified through faith,
we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Or:

Jesus says, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid...

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

Hymn:

**Jerusalem! my happy home,
Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labours have an end
Thy joys when shall I see?**

**When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And pearly gates behold;
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?**

**Apostles, martyrs, prophets there,
Around my Saviour stand;
And all I love in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.**

**Jerusalem! my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my labours have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?**

**O Christ do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love;
That I may see Thee and adore,
With all Thy saints above.**

The Thanksgiving

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Thanks to your goodness this bread we offer,
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
It will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God,
Blessed be God for ever Amen.**

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Thanks to your goodness this wine we offer,
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
It will become the cup of life.

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God,
Blessed be God for ever Amen.**

Or

The Thanksgiving

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Thanks to your goodness this bread we offer,
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
It will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Thanks to your goodness this wine we offer,
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
It will become the cup of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father,
all-powerful and everliving God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil
and to live no longer for ourselves alone
but for him who died and rose again.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise.

S.H.Nicholson

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Glo - ry

be to Thee, O Lord most High. Bless-ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord, Bless-ed is He who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the

high-est, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.
You formed us in your own image;
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life;
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,
and you raised him from the dead
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,
that they may be for us the body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given thanks he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from this, all of you,
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father,
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.

Proclaiming his victorious death, rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Restore and revive your people,
renew us and all for whom we pray
with your grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints
into that unending joy promised by your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, 🛎
in the unity of the Holy Spirit 🛎
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, 🛎
for ever and ever.

Dresden Amen

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be common time (C). The Treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The first measure contains a half note chord of A-flat and B-flat, with the letter 'A' written below the A-flat. The second measure contains a half note chord of B-flat and C. The third measure contains a half note chord of C and D-flat, with a hyphen '-' written below the C. The fourth measure contains a half note chord of D-flat and E-flat. The fifth measure contains a half note chord of E-flat and F, with the word 'men.' written below the E-flat. The sixth measure contains a half note chord of F and G. The Bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of three flats. The first measure contains a half note chord of A-flat and B-flat. The second measure contains a half note chord of B-flat and C. The third measure contains a half note chord of C and D-flat. The fourth measure contains a half note chord of D-flat and E-flat. The fifth measure contains a half note chord of E-flat and F. The sixth measure contains a half note chord of F and G. The score concludes with a double bar line.

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly 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.**

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

The Choir sings a setting of Agnus Dei.

Either:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Or:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

The Communion is administered.

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)

For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love

Brother, sister, parent, child

Friends on earth and friends above

For all gentle thoughts and mild

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour

Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flower

Sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise

For each perfect gift of thine

To our race so freely given

Graces human and divine

Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

Lord of all, to thee we raise

This our joyful hymn of praise.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Either:

**Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit
that when the Lord comes again
we may shine as lights before him,
who is alive and reigns in glory for ever. Amen.**

Or:

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him...

Or:

The God of mercy transform you by his grace and give you strength to overcome temptation....

...and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the Name of Christ. Amen.

**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 to 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!**

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