

St John The Baptist Fifield



Mothering Sunday Service

Greeting.

Minister: Let us praise God
People: **From whom all Blessings flow,**

Minister: Let us praise Him,
People: **All people here below**
Minister: Praise Him above,
People: **Ye heavenly host**

Minister: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Hymn

Lighting of Candles

Minister: We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light to lead our way through the darkness of our lives.

People: **Blessed be God Forever.**

Minister: We light this candle to remind us of our Mother Church and the sanctity of God we find within.

People: **Blessed be God Forever.**

Minister: We light this candle to remind us of Jesus, born of Mary and nurtured in her love.

People: **Blessed be God Forever.**

Minister: We light this candle to remind us of all mothers, both here on earth and those who have gone before, who have wept in sorrow and in joy for the love of their children.

People: **Blessed be God Forever.**

Confession.

Minister: DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

People: **ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Absolution:

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.

People:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

First Reading:

Hymn

Second Reading

Magnificat Luke 1.46-55

**My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

**For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.**

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.**

**And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.**

**He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.**

**He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

**He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his
seed for ever.**

The Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker
of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only
Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under
Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again
from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic
Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness
of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers.

Minister:

The Lord be with you

People:

And with thy spirit.

Minister:

Let us Pray.

Minister:

Praise God who loves us.

People:

Praise God who cares

Minister:

For the care of Mothers

People:

Thanks be to God

Minister:

For their patience when tested

People:

Thanks be to God

Minister:

For their love when tired

People:

Thanks be to God

Minister:

For their hope when despairing

People:

Thanks be to God

Minister:

For their service without limit

People:

Thanks be to God

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

Almighty God, Lord of all compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and 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 bring 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 forever. Amen

The Collect for Peace

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Other prayers may be said followed by the Collect for Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen

Blessing and Distribution of Flowers

Offertory Hymn

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

Blessing.

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and
work for others.

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

Amen.

HYMN



The first Reading is taken from St Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1 Verses 3-7

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

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.

The Second reading is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 19, verses 25 -27

Meanwhile, 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 the 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 own home.