

## **Holy Communion Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Mothering Sunday**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

### ***Opening Hymn: 611 Christ Be Beside Me***

1 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

### ***The Collect for Purity (page 201)***

**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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

### ***Confession***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

***Absolution***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Collects of the Day & Daily Lenten 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***First Reading - 1 Samuel 1. 20-28***

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD.’

For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.’ She left him there for the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 27: 1-6**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? ♦  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh, ♦  
they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not be afraid, ♦  
and though there rise up war against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord  
and that alone I seek: ♦  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦  
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen**

***Second Reading - Colossians 3. 12-17***

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Gradual Hymn: 585 Jesus Good Above All Other*

1 Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.

2 Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,  
living as a homeless stranger,  
make we thee our King most dear.

3 Jesus, for thy people dying,  
risen Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,  
keep us to thy presence near.

4 Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,  
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,  
thou to us the truth declarest;  
help us all thy truth to hear.

5 Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with thee beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere.

## *Holy Gospel - Matthew 12. 46-50*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew:

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### *Nicene Creed*

**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, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### *For mothers.*

Lord Jesus, you know well the blessing an earthly home can bring: Receive our thanks for all the love we have received in our homes, especially from those who have nurtured us from our earliest years.

Hear our prayers for mothers everywhere, that they may never lose heart nor ever be taken for granted, but receive from their children the honour and love you showed to your mother, Mary, even as you were suffering on the Cross. Bless and keep them all, for your love's sake. **Amen**

*For those in need*

Remember, O Lord, all those in need: people with no good food or proper clothes, no home of their own, or no work to do; those who have neither family nor friends and no knowledge of the your love. Supply their needs. Bless those who try to help them and bring us all to trust in you. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*For those who live alone*

God our Father, we ask you to bless all who live alone, those who have lost their partner in marriage, those who have never married, those whose families are grown up and away from home and those who have outlived other members of their families and many of their friends: Be with them to assure them of your love and of their value to you every moment of their lives, and enable them to rejoice in the fellowship of your Church on earth and in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Peace*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you:  
**and also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn: 532 Who Are We Who Stand And Sing?*

1 Who are we who stand and sing? We are God's people.  
What this bread and wine we bring? Food for God's people.  
As once with twelve Christ spake, poured wine, and bread did break;  
he now of us will make a faithful people.

2 What command does Christ impart to us his people?  
Soul and strength and mind and heart; serve me, my people.  
As he in love came low, our world and work to know;  
to life he bids us go to be his people.

3 Who are we who say one creed? We are God's people.  
What the word we hear and read? Word of God's people.  
Through time, in every race, from earth to farthest space,  
we'll be, with Christ's good grace, a faithful people.

### *Celebrating at the Lord's Table*

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

### *The Taking of the Bread and Wine*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer 3 page 216)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son,  
welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died  
you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and  
gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this  
in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave 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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour Christ has 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.**

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### *The Administration of Holy Communion*

*Followed by The Great Silence*

### *Post Communion Prayers*

## THANKSGIVING

We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives:

For parents, and the love which brought us to birth:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For fathers who have loved and supported us,

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For children and their parents:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For other relatives and friends, who have been with us in our hopes and joys and times of sadness:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us into the family of our Father in heaven:

We praise you, O Lord;

**and bring you thanks today.**

Help us to live

as those who belong to one another,

and to you, our Father, now and always. **Amen.**

### *The Blessing*

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,  
strengthen us for the Christian life. **Amen.**

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

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care,  
send us out to live and work for others. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty.

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn: 365 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty***

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

***Going Out as God's People***

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