

The Parish Eucharist on Mothering Sunday

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

Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness

Blessed be God for ever

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved, and laughed and laboured as they care for their children

Blessed be God for ever

We praise you God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow, in fear and in pain for their children

Blessed be God for ever

We praise you God for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We confess to you
the times when we have failed to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good. We confess to you the times when we have put ourselves first and not cared for the vulnerable and needy

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We confess to you the times when we have ignored the cries of others

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all mercies,
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in her image
to the praise and glory of her name.

Amen.

The Collect

Readings

Each reading ends with

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

cf Psalm 95.3,8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

**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 one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers ending with

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The 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
and also with you.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere:
loving creator, ever living God.
For like a mother you gather your people to you:
longing to gather us in your arms,
as chicks are gathered to the mother hen.
For you weep over our sins and our pride:
tenderly drawing us from hatred and judgement
into the warmth of your embrace.
For you comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.
Your warmth gives life to the dead:
your healing touch makes sinners righteous.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness:
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.
Your family on earth now lifts our voice to join with the family of heaven:
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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children and heirs with Christ we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba' Father.

**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
Though we are many we are one body because we all share in the one bread.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

**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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy;
Jesus Christ is Lord;
To the glory of God the Father**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

**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**

The Blessing and Dismissal *(Stand)*

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us;
May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us;
May almighty God bless us, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
now and for ever
Amen

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God