

The Parish Church of All Saints', Sanderstead Team Ministry

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday



*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. A children's area for pre-school age is available, with toys and books, on the far left in St Catherine's Aisle. [There is no Jigsaw Sunday School today]

[If you need a gluten-free Communion wafer, speak to one of the stewards]

During Communion today all are invited to receive prayer ministry.

Please wait quietly and prepare for worship. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. The Lord almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress." (Psalm 46:1-2, 11)

You are invited to stand for the Hymn

LET ALL THE WORLD IN EV'RY CORNER SING,
my God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**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.**

We thank God for people who offer us the care of a mother:
for their nurture and care;
for their example and inspiration; for their love and friendship.
"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" says the
Lord.

For that great truth

We praise and thank you.

We owe our very lives to you.
You have watched over us from our birth,
tenderly nurturing us,
showering us with love.
When we needed you, you have been there.
For that great truth

We praise and thank you.

You have given us strength in times of need,
comfort in times of despair,
guidance in times of uncertainty.
Whatever we have faced, you have been with us.
For that great truth

We praise and thank you.

Gracious God,
caring for us more than you care for yourself,
sacrificing your all for our sakes,
loving us with an unquenchable love,
you have called us to be your children.
For that great truth

We praise and thank you.

[Nick Fawcett: Prayers for All Seasons, 1998]

<p><i>Prayers of Penitence</i></p>

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God grant you forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The minister leads us in the Collect for Mothering Sunday

**God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful;
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *Please be seated for the Bible Reading*

First Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

'Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Minister announces the Hymn. You are invited to stand

JESUS, GOOD ABOVE ALL OTHER,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.

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

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

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.

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!

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) after John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a man born blind

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

3 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'

4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

6 After saying this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. **7** 'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, 'Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?'

9 Some claimed that he was.

Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.'

But he himself insisted, 'I am the man.'

10 'How then were your eyes opened?' they asked.

11 He replied, 'The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.'

12 'Where is this man?' they asked him.

'I don't know,' he said.

The Pharisees investigate the healing

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. **15** Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. 'He put mud on my eyes,' the man replied, 'and I washed, and now I see.'

16 Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.'

But others asked, 'How can a sinner perform such signs?' So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, 'What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.'

The man replied, 'He is a prophet.'

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ 'Is this your son?' they asked. 'Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?'

²⁰ 'We know he is our son,' the parents answered, 'and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.' ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. 'Give glory to God by telling the truth,' they said. 'We know this man is a sinner.'

²⁵ He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'

²⁶ Then they asked him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?'

²⁷ He answered, 'I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?'

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, 'You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from.'

³⁰ The man answered, 'Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

³⁴ To this they replied, 'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!' And they threw him out.

Spiritual blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'

³⁶ 'Who is he, sir?' the man asked. 'Tell me so that I may believe in him.'

³⁷ Jesus said, 'You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.'

³⁸ Then the man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshipped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.'

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, 'What? Are we blind too?'

⁴¹ Jesus said, 'If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

Anthem: Loving God - Peter Aston

[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.]

Creed - You are invited to stand

The 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 Intercession

Any suitable form may be used

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

The table is prepared. The collection is taken.

Hymn (stand)

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 sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled.

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

For thy Church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

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

The gifts of the people are collected and presented.

The following may be said:

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Eucharistic Prayer A</i></p>

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because he was tempted in every
way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are called to triumph over all evil and to live
no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and
rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *singing*

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your son,
Jesus Christ our lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen**

Let us pray

You are invited to sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

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, because we all share in one bread.

The Invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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 Eucharistic ministers come forward. These words are sung:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Holy Communion is distributed.

Everyone is invited. All who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome. The stewards will guide you. If you do not wish to receive Communion bow your head for a prayer of blessing. When receiving communion, it is customary to say 'Amen' as you receive the bread and wine.

We encourage you today to receive a short prayer from one of our Prayer Ministers.

Time of Quiet

Communion Hymn (remain kneeling or seated)

LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US,

let there be love in our eyes.

May now your love sweep this nation;

cause us, O Lord, to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding,

brotherly love that is real.

Let there be love shared among us,

Let there be love.

Let there be hope shared among us,

let there be hope in our eyes.

May now your hope sweep this nation;

cause us, O Lord, to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding,

brotherly love that is real.

Let there be hope shared among us,

let there be hope.

Let there be joy shared among us,

let there be joy in our eyes.

May now your joy sweep this nation;

cause us, O Lord, to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding,

sisterly love that is real.

Let there be joy shared among us,

let there be joy.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Abide with us, we pray, that,
blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,**

**and at its end
behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever, Amen.**

Any notices and announcements.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FLOWERS

*The Posies of flowers have been provided by the Brownies
(Thank you!)*

A Prayer for All Who Care for Others

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

For mothers and all who care;
Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;
Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;
Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing;
Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;
Thanks be to God.

The Mothering Sunday flowers are distributed to all the ladies.

Prayer of God's Blessing:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,
take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn (stand)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD MY FATHER,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) © 1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary: Praeludium in F major - J S Bach

*Church is about worship; it's also about time to meet and talk.
We'd love you to stay for tea / coffee / juice. If you're new to
the church, please make yourself known to the clergy or
stewards. God bless you.*

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