



**St John's
with Holy Trinity
March 22nd 2020
Mothering Sunday
4th Sunday in Lent**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.
God is with us, here we find new life.

God is good **All the time**
All the time **God is good**

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

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy
for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our 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.

Confession and forgiveness

*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.*

We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.
Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.
Lord, have mercy.

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

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

**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 your Son our Lord. Amen**

Bible Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*
Sermon *Rev Peter (see attachment)*

Sermon Question to prayerfully consider:

- 1. Call to mind and give thanks for all the moments in life when you have
experienced the comfort of God or been comforted by others?*
- 2. Ask God to guide you in your prayers and actions this week to reach out to
those in need of practical and emotional help? Think about how you might
respond to the gospel in the coming week.*

Prayer for the Mother's Union

Loving Lord

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as we seek to share your love

**through the encouragement, strengthening
and support of marriage and family life.**

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer and Intercessions

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Loving God,
source of healing and comfort,
fill us with your grace,
that the sick may be made whole,
that those who care for us may be strengthened,
that the anxious may be calmed,
and those most vulnerable be protected
in the power of Spirit
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for our government and leaders, for those collaborating with scientists, public health officials and NHS staff

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Strengthen the bonds of friendship and community across our country and between the nations. Guide us to find new ways forward in showing love, care and comfort to those in need.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Help all those facing economic uncertainties in their businesses, families and personal lives. Provide for their needs, sustain them in this downturn and care for those who are most vulnerable

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Come among us Lord and bring an end to our suffering. Heal the world from the Coronavirus and give hope and help to all who are struggling with anxiety, ill health and isolation.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Especially we remember members of our church family who have asked for our prayers:

Herbert Brewster, Josephine Roseje, Anna Hinds, Melvina Ducasse, Margaret Sibley, Leveta Powell, Gwen Randall, Sandra Brown, Godwin Offamata, Kerri-Anne, Philipina Addae, Norma Belvitt. Joni Fergusson, Vilma, Olagbaiye family, Noble family, Ogun family.

Include in your prayers those know to you personally – loved ones and neighbours

The Lord's Prayer

Closing prayers

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

For the care of mothers **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.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be among you now and always. **Amen**

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