



Welcome to our service

Mothering Sunday, 15th March 2026, 10am

Welcome

We meet in the name of God:

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Spirit:

God is one.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Song: Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine Jesus shine) (445)

¹Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

²Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus.

³As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus.

(Graham Kendrick)

Song: Give me joy in my heart (167, but more traditional words)

¹Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising,
Keep me praising till the end of
day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

²Give me peace in my heart, keep
me resting.
Give my peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep
me resting.
Keep me resting till the end of day.

Chorus.

³Give me love in my heart, keep
me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me
serving.
Keep me serving till the end of day.

Chorus.

⁴Give me oil in my lamp, keep me
burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me
burning.
Keep me burning till the end of
day.

Chorus.

(Traditional)

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Prayer of forgiveness

Confession

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Prayer for Mega

Reading: Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk

Hymn: There is a Redeemer (673)

¹There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy one.

Chorus:

*Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit—
Till the work on earth is done.*

²Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Chorus.

³When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Chorus.

(Melody Green)

Affirmation of faith

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary, upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended, till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory, to the life that knows no end.

Prayers

The Lord's prayer

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.

Song: Your love is amazing (1143)

¹Your love is amazing,
Steady and unchanging;
Your love is a mountain,
Firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery,
How you gently lift me;
When I am surrounded,
Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

Hallelujah, your love makes me sing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,

Hallelujah, your love makes me sing.

²Your love is surprising,
I can feel it rising,
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me.
Every time I see you,
All your goodness shines through,
And I can feel this God song
Rising up in me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah...

³Your love is amazing,
Steady and unchanging;
Your love is a mountain,
Firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery,
How you gently lift me;
When I am surrounded,
Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah...

(Brenton Brown & Brian Doerksen)

Thanksgiving for our offering

The giving of flowers

Notices and family news

Hymn: Tell out my soul (631)

¹Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my
spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his
word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.

²Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his name!
Make known his might, the deeds
his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age
the same;
His holy name—the Lord, the
mighty One.

Blessing

³Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his might!
Powers and dominions lay their
glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted
high.

⁴Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord
To children's children and forever
more!

(Timothy Dudley-Smith)

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