

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020 – MOTHERING SUNDAY**



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O Lord open our lips  
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O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy.**

**Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

**Amen.**

**COLLECT** 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Exodus 2. 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

**NEW TESTAMENT** 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.

**GOSPEL** John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## REFLECTION

### PRAYERS

**Pray for the World**

**Pray for the Church**

**Pray for our parish and the ministry of All Saints at this difficult time**

### **Mothering Sunday Prayers**

Loving God,  
we give you thanks for all who care for us,  
who have encouraged us and helped us grow,  
who have forgiven us,  
and cared for us when we are unwell,  
who have supported us when times were hard,  
who have challenged us,  
who have told us about you.

Thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

Loving Father, we pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday is a time of heartache rather than celebration.

We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died.

**Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.**

We pray for those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children.

**Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.**

We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives.

**Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.**

We pray for those who have a difficult relationship with their mother.

**Heavenly Father, bless them with your love.**

May they have the comfort of knowing that your love for them is constant, your understanding is perfect, your compassion is never-ending. **Amen.**

**Pray for all who are isolated at home**

**Pray for all who are unwell, lonely, worried or bereaved**

**Pray for yourself, bringing to God all that is on your mind at this time**

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

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Give me peace my heart, I pray;  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day:

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

## 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.

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Given to us by a parent Governor at Chandler School

