



**All Age Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton  
for Mothering Sunday at 10.30am on 22 March 2020**  
led by Revd Frances Arnold, Priest-in-Charge

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Opening Hymn** Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

**Greeting**

*The priest says*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome*

Dear brothers and sisters, I am sorry not to be with you in person this morning, but please know that I am singing and praying with you in Church this morning and longing for our reunion here when that becomes possible.

## **We prepare to worship**

**All 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 say we are sorry**

*A minister says*

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Please sit or kneel to pray*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **We are forgiven**

*The priest says*

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## **Collect** (prayer of the week) 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,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**

## **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

*Please sit*

### **Reading from the Bible** Exodus 2.1-10

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Hymn** Jesus, good above all other

### **Gospel Reading** John 19.25b-27

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Talk**

*Please sit*

## **Creed** (Statement of Belief)

*The priest says*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*Please stand*

**All 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.**

**Song**      Give me joy in my heart

## **Praying for ourselves and others**

*The priest says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness

*Please kneel or sit.*

Lord in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

*At the end we say*

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

## **Sharing God's Peace**

*The priest says*

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**All And also with you.**

*Let us 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.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness and loving kindness.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**