



**The Eucharist**  
Mothering Sunday 2020,

## **Welcome to Wakefield Cathedral.**

Mothering Sunday is a time to celebrate our mother churches, those people and places which have nurtured our faith. But for many this time comes with painful associations with motherhood, feelings of inadequacy or loss. Yet in Christ, we are given both comfort and family.

Today we give thanks to God for all those people who have nurtured us, and to offer ourselves to nurture others, with God's help.

We also acknowledge the pain of a hurting world, where we have failed to nurture each other.

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# The Gathering

## Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
praying today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us  
make us your living voice:

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed:

Longing for shelter, people are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone:

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come:

Words and Music *Bernadette Farrell*

## **The Greeting**

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

*All* **Amen.**

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

*All* **Illumine our homes with the light of your love.**

We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

*All* **For all who nurture, nourish and guide us  
as we grow to be who we are.**

As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.

Join with us in this day of celebration  
as we rejoice in being loved.

God's grace, mercy and peace  
be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Let us call to mind our failure to value the love of others  
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.  
We fail to live as your children.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good.  
We seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help.  
We ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The president pronounces absolution*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept.*

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

*All* **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*1 Samuel 1.20-end*

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## A Song of St Anselm

*We repeat the refrain after the choir at the beginning and then where indicated.*

*Refrain*     **Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us:  
In your love and tenderness remake us.**

*Choir*     *Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Refrain.*

*Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement. Refrain.*

*You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us. Refrain.*

*Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;  
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy. Refrain.*

*Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Refrain.*

*Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous:  
Lord Jesus, with love and tenderness remake us. Refrain.*

*In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. Refrain.*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you.  
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## **The Gospel Reading**

*John 19.25b-27*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

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

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Very Revd Simon Cowling, Dean of Wakefield.*

## **The Creed**

*All* **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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,  
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God.  
Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love,  
security and truth.

God of love,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph;  
bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families  
living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is  
found.

God of love,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church.  
We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the  
marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of  
Jesus.

God of love,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world  
we pray for healing among the nations;  
for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression;  
for joy where there is pain;  
that your love may bring peace to all your children.

God of love,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*The Mothers' Union prayer,*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The president says*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president sings*

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*All* **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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Bring us at the last with Mary the Mother of our Lord and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

*All* **We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*All* **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*The president receives Communion as everyone else uses this prayer as a  
spiritual act of communion*

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me.

May I live and die in your love. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*The president may say this post-communion prayer.*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*All say this prayer*

*All* **Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

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,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Hymn

**Tell 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.**

**Tell 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.**

**Tell 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.**

**Tell 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 for evermore.**

*Words T Dudley-Smith b 1926*

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## The Dismissal

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

## Organ Music

*Fuga sopra il Magnificat J S Bach*

