

Family Mother's Day Service



Hymn numbers, unless otherwise stated, taken from Hymns Old and New (New Anglican Edition 1996)

Opening Greeting & Sharing the Peace

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song He's got the whole world in his hands (HO&N 206)

Praising and thanking God

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

Blessed be God forever.

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.

Putting things right with God.

Dear Jesus, we know
that you are kind and loving and generous,
and you want us to be the same.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We try to be like you,
but sometimes we are unkind or selfish,
or we hurt other people.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We are sorry for all the times
we get it wrong. Please forgive us
and help us become more like you.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord is loving and forgiving to all who
turn to him; tender and compassionate
as a mother towards her children.
May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us
of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for Mothering Sunday

Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.
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.

Reading

Song Jesus' hands were kind hands

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We Believe...

Let us declare our faith in God.
**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 Father, I place into Your hands (HO&N 121)

Prayers

When you hear "We praise you O Lord,"
Please say "**and bring you thanks today.**"

The Lord's Prayer

**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, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Blessing & Distribution of Flowers or Cards

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

Loving God, Thank you for mothers, for grandmothers and godmothers, for all the people who care for us and have cared for us. May these flowers/cards be a sign of our thanks, and of the love we all share through you.

Amen.

Song You shall go out with joy (HO&N 571)

Blessing

May God the Father, from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name, strengthen you with his Spirit, so that Christ may live in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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