

Simple Mother's Day



Welcome and opening prayer

We look at our world in spring

And we praise you, God, for signs of new life.

We look at those who love us

and we praise you, God, for friends and family.

We look at our church family around us

and we praise you, God,

that you are with us in prayers and readings,

in thoughts and words,

in actions and laughter and song.

Bless this morning as we share it with you,

Amen.

Hymn

God's love for us

God's word to us:

'I have called you by name, you are mine, you are precious to me, and I love you.'

from Isaiah 43 verses 1 and 7

Our faith in God

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.

Confession and Absolution

We started by praising God,

who loves us and gives us life,

but now we turn to God in trust and honesty,

to say sorry and be forgiven.



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We know human beings don't always treat
each other as God's precious children.
We need God's help
to leave our mistakes and failures behind,
and grow into the people we really want to be.

Holy God, your child Jesus
showed us how to live in love,
but we don't always follow his example.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often do only what we want,
even if it is bad for us or others,
or disappoints you.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Forgive all that we have done wrong,
and help us today and everyday
to grow closer to 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.

Hymn

The love of mothers and children

First reading

At the end, the reader may say
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading

The reader introduces the reading with the words
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Hymn

Our love for others

Prayers

We sing "Kumbayah" with a pause for prayers between each verse.

Kumbayah, my Lord, kumbayah (x3)

Oh Lord, kumbayah.

Someone's singing, Lord, kumbayah...

Someone's crying, Lord, kumbayah...

Someone's praying, Lord, kumbayah

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

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.

The Lord's Prayer

We bring all our thoughts and prayers together in the words Jesus taught us:

**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 of the cards

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 cards be a sign of our thanks,
and of the love we all share through you.
Amen.

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

As the cards are distributed, we share the Peace with one another.

Going out to share God's love

We settle for a few moments of silence before we make our final prayer of commitment to sharing in God's love...

Thank you, Lord, that you love each of us as a precious child.

Teach us to treasure those around us as you do;

to love with your compassion,

to live in the power of your Spirit

and to work joyfully for your kingdom.

Keep us firm in the hope

you have set before us,

so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live

to praise your name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and those you love
today and always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

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