



## **Morning Prayer**

14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Mothering Sunday**

### **Last Words - “Here is your Son - here is your Mother”**

Today we think about all things which concern motherhood. We give thanks for the Church as Mother, we think of Mary the mother of Jesus and her example of faith, we remember that God cares for us like a mother and last, but not least, we give thanks for our own mothers.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God’s holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev’ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

### **Confession**

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

*Silence for reflection*

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.**

### **Absolution**

**Reading** - John 19 (23-27)

**Talk**

## **Prayers**

### **The Collect 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. AMEN.**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your 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  
forever and ever. AMEN.**

**YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER,**

**From before the world began;**

**Every star and every planet**

**Has been fashioned by Your hand.**

**All creation holds together**

**By the power of Your voice:**

**Let the skies declare Your glory,**

**Let the land and seas rejoice!**

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.

### **The Final Blessing**

#### **The Grace**

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