

Order of Service

Mothering Sunday, 15th March 2026

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.

All Amen.

HYMN

COLLECT

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Reading 1 – Corinthians 1:3-7

HYMN

Reading 2 – John 19:25-27b

REFLECTION

THE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

We have failed to nurture the needy,

All Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

All Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

All Lord, have mercy.

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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He offered up his life for us
with a love beyond imagining;
with a love which dispels fear;
with a love which holds and guides us
through life's trials and joys.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

HYMN

COMMUNION

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life

and the bread of heaven.

All Amen.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

You did not reject us,

But came to meet us in your son

All You embraced us as your children

And welcomed us to sit and eat with you

In Christ you shared our life

That we might live in him and he in us

All He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin

On the night he was betrayed

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and 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

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life

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 for the forgiveness of sins;

Do this in remembrance of me.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his blood is shed for all

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine

may be to us the body and blood of your dear son

All As we eat and drink these holy gifts,

make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise

and life our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share one bread.**

Come to this table, not because you must,
but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith,
but because you have some faith and would like to grow in it.

Come because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.

Come because he loves you
and wants to give you everything.

Come because this is the table of the Lord
and it is he who invites us to be here.

Come, draw near with faith.

HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All God of grace and compassion
your Son, Jesus Christ was part of a family in Nazareth.**

**He knew the love of a mother and of a father
and by dying on the cross
brought us all together as new family.
Help us in the Christian Journey
to strive for that day when the whole of humanity
is one family together in your Church.
Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING OF THE FLOWERS

Lord God, bless these flowers.
Make them a sign of your love
and a symbol of our thanks
for all who receive them.

All Amen.

HYMN

BLESSING

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love
is constant as a mother's care,
send us out as bearers of his love
to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.