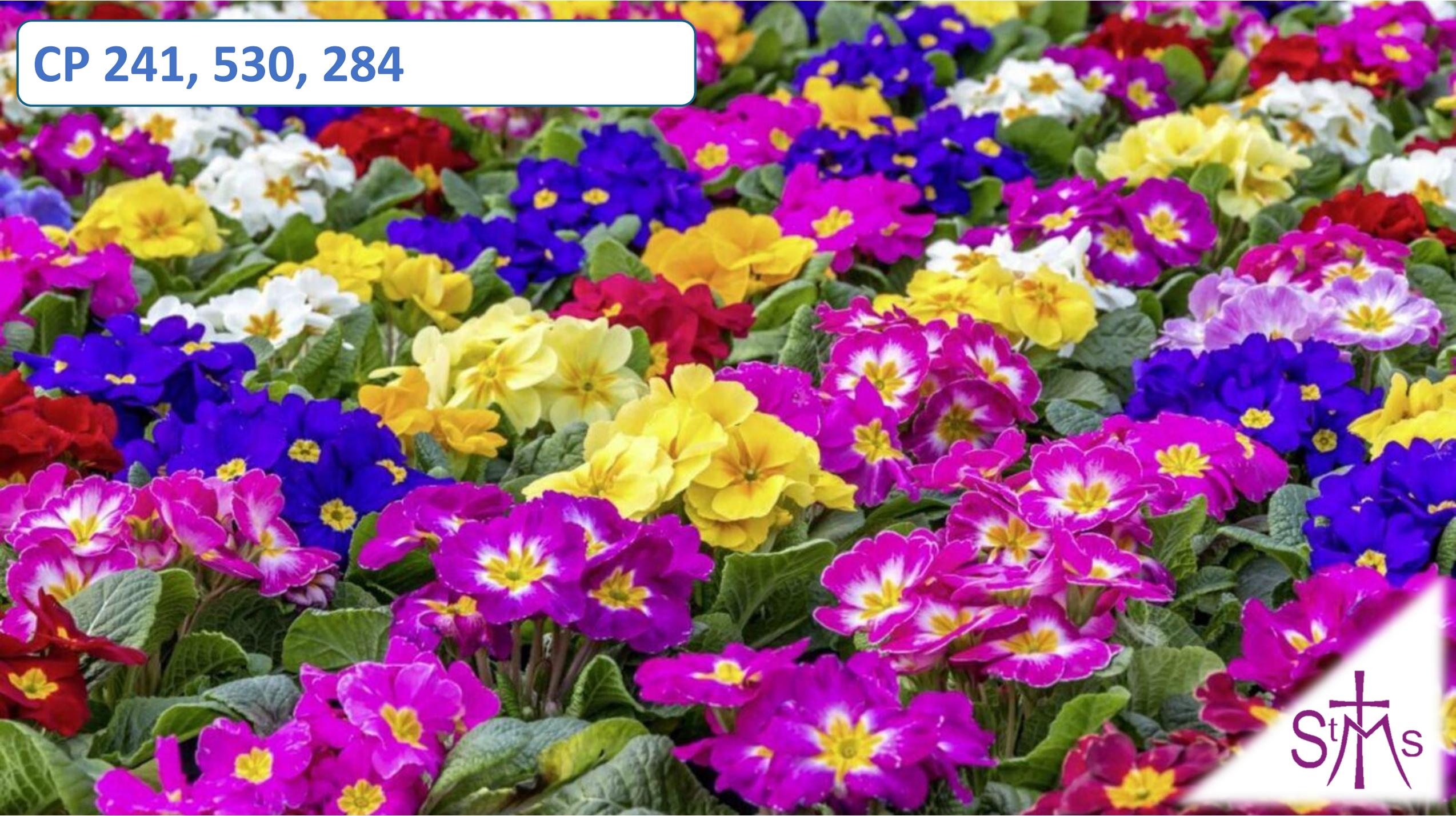


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15th March 2026
10:00 Family Communion
Mothering Sunday
Blended Worship

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

March Charity of the Month: Mothers' Union



The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment
which bore the symbol of your cross
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental
Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All **Amen.**



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: Our Father God in Heaven

- 1. Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.**



Hymn: Our Father God in Heaven

- 2. What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
what strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.**



Hymn: Our Father God in Heaven

3. How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.



Hymn: Our Father God in Heaven

4. Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!

(Timothy Dudley Smith, 1926-2025)



Collect (a prayer for the day)

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

First Reading

A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (1:3-7 NRSV)

Paul describes the Christian community as one where we nurture each other in good times and bad.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.



HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading

For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God



Hymn: Sing we of the blessèd Mother

1. Sing we of the blessèd Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.



Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.



Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

- 3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.**



Hymn: Sing we of the blessed Mother

4. **Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.**

G. B. Timms (1910-1997)



HEARING GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

A reading from the gospel of John (19:25-27b NRSV)

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God





Reflection
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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



Prayers

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.



We say sorry to God

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.



We say sorry to God

All We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

All We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.
Christ, have mercy.

All We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.
Lord, have mercy.



Absolution

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.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

1. **Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.**



Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.



Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)



The Prayer of 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 Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
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

All **That we might live in him and he in us**
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.**



The Lord's Prayer

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.



Breaking of the Bread

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.**



Giving of Communion

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: Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.
2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)



Prayers 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

Prayer of 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: God of Eve and God of Mary

- 1. God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
Shared their life and gave us birth.**

- 2. As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**



Hymn: God of Eve and God of Mary

- 3. Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

- 4. Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**



Hymn: God of Eve and God of Mary

5. **God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

(Fred Kaan, 1929-2009)



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.



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