

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Mothering Sunday

National Day of Prayer

## Welcome

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you**

## Opening prayer

*A candle is lit and silence is kept.*

## Confession

Come, Holy Spirit of God,

**All** and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All** Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*After a period of reflection*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*cf Hosea 6*

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring *us* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

**We're gathered here**

The time has come  
To praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
Hearts that are ready  
Free to respond  
We join the everlasting song

*We will worship You  
In Spirit and truth  
How we love to worship You  
Let Your name be praised  
Again and again  
Lord we love to worship You*

There at the cross

You said it all  
The poor made rich  
The weak made strong  
Hearts that are welcomed  
Through all You've done  
This is our story and our song  
This is our story and our song

We hear You calling  
The lion roaring  
The time is coming  
And it has come  
Your Word is moving  
Your river flowing  
We praise You Father, Spirit, Son  
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**Holy, holy,**

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Holy, holy,

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come,

Who was and is and is to come.

Lift up His name with the sound of singing,

Lift up His name in all the earth.

Lift up your voice and give Him glory,

For He is worthy to be praised.

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**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing**

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You*

*There is none besides You*

*Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are*

*And fill me with Your heart*

*And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

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## Reading

### Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the **wilderness** to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## Reflecting on the passage together

The four ways we want to express ourselves as church

- Worshipping from home
- Sustaining community
- Growing as disciples
- Loving our neighbours

**Thank you Father for your love for me**

Thank you Father for your love for me  
Thank you Father for your love for me  
And I love you, I love you

Thank you Jesus that you died for me  
Thank you Jesus that you died for me  
Thank you Jesus that you died for me  
And I love you, I love you

Thank you Spirit that you're here with me  
Thank you Spirit that you're here with me  
Thank you Spirit that you're here with me  
And I love you, I love you

Thank you Father for your love for me  
Thank you Jesus that you died for me  
Thank you Spirit that you're here with me  
And I love you, I love you

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**There's nothing worth more**

that will ever come close  
No thing can compare  
You're our living hope  
Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen  
of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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## **I see the King of Glory**

Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

*Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest*

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith  
I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek

We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

*Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest*

*Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things  
unseen  
Show me how to love like You  
have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks  
Yours  
Everything I am for Your  
kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity.*

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Prayers

## **Intercessions**

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Prayer in our homes**

Let us join together in prayer in each of our homes right now  
in silence or out loud, alone or with others, and pray for the following:

- **For those who are ill**
- **For all hospital and medical staff**
- **For business and our economy**
- **For schools and teachers**
- **For all those supplying food and essential utilities**
- **For the Government and the nations**
- **For the Christian community**

## **A personal prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care.

We are not people of fear:

we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:

we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,

giving and loving, wherever we are,

whatever it costs,

for as long as it takes

wherever you call us.

**Amen**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,**

**Christ behind me, Christ before me,**

**Christ beside me, Christ to win me,**

**Christ to comfort and restore me.**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me,**

**Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,**

**Christ in hearts of all that love me,**

**Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **My hope is built on nothing less**

Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest  
frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the  
Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His  
face

I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with  
trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness  
alone  
Faultless I stand before the  
throne

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## **Notices**

As Jesus, taught us so we pray:

**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.**

For your goodness and generosity  
in giving us all we need,  
**help us to praise you O God.**

In every circumstance of life,  
in good times and bad,  
**help us to trust you, O God.**

In love and faithfulness,  
with all that we have and all that we are,  
**help us to serve you, O God.**

As we speak or write or listen  
to those nearby or far away,  
**help us to share your love, O God.**

In our plans and work  
for ourselves and for others,  
**help us to glorify you, O God.**

In every thought and word and deed,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
**this week, may we live for you, O God.**

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,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22