



EVENING WORSHIP

22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday

Please join with Praise Group in singing these songs before the service:

Come, people of the risen King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaXk4nEZXdK>

Come, people of the risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing;
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"!

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Rest in My love https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6b7EY3_YwRU

Rest in my love, relax in my care,
And know that my presence will always be there.
You are my child, and I care for you,
There's nothing my love and my power cannot do.

Jesus is here, he is alive,
And all power is given unto him.
His peace and joy he gives to you
Brings strength and comfort to your heart.

Marilyn Baker

747 O God, You search me and You know me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

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Still, my soul, be still https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyqEq_a2qGs

Still, my soul, be still
and do not fear
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side,
no longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, you are my God
and I will trust in you and not be shaken.
Lord of peace renew
a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in you alone.*

Still, my soul, be still.

Do not be moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold onto His ways
with shield of faith
against temptations flaming arrows

Still, my soul, be still.
Do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord
and hope will rise as stars appear
when day is dimming.

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WELCOME, NOTICES AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN **537 For the beauty of the earth** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOVFvctxv6c>

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.*

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint / Tune: England's Lane (English melody adapted by Geoffrey Turton Shaw)

CONFESSION

**Lord, Your love for us is constant and sure.
Our love for You is like the morning mist,**

like the early dew which disappears.

Lord forgive us.

Lord, Your love for us is unconditional.

Our love so often depends on
our moods and our needs.

Lord forgive us.

Lord, You are patient with us
in our ups and downs.

We are so often impatient,
and want our will to be done.

Lord forgive us.

Lord, as a hen gathers her chickens
under her wings,

You keep us from harm,
and watch over our lives.

We, so often, are regardless
of the lives and needs of others.

Lord forgive us.

Lord, forgive our sins and shortcomings,
and give us that constancy, and care,
and compassion that a mother has for her children,
and that You have for us, Your children,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (1 JOHN 1:9)

The Bible assures us that, if we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins,
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

HYMN 774 Safe in the shadow of the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDyfZPgFSK0>

Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,

I trust in him,

I trust in him,

my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;

I trust in him,

I trust in him,

to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,

I trust in him,

I trust in him,

by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
possessed by love divine,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and meet his love with mine.

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FIRST READING

Psalm 34:11-20

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+34%3A+11-20&version=NIVUK>

MAGNIFICAT

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zNzCL8lOn4&list=RD5zNzCL8lOn4&start_radio=1&t=0

My soul will magnify the Lord;

I rejoice in God my Saviour,
in the wonder of His favour.
For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant.
Every age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come
in the giving of a Son;
for He who promised is mighty
in remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord;
for His grace to those who fear Him
through every generation.
The proud He scatters to the wind
as the ruler's strength is broken,
and the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high,
and the hungry satisfied;
our Portion and our Treasure,
our Hope and Help forever.

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SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A+12-17&version=NIVUK>

NUNC DIMITTIS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkVoRt73-4U>

Let your servant now go in peace, O Lord,
Now go in peace according to your word.

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CREED

**We believe in God, the Creator,
Maker of everything,
Author of the universe,
and Mystery behind all matter.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God and true human,
One with the creator.
He is the Word made flesh
and the Saviour of all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us,
One with the Creator and one with Christ.
He is our Guide, and the Mentor of all creation.**

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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.**

HYMN **800 The Lord's my Shepherd** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkXOMGO>

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And he anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,

I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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SERMON

PRAYERS (response: Hymn number 406) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2h6QuRkoa0>

O Lord, listen to my prayer,
my prayer as I call to You.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

EVENING COLLECT

**Lighten our darkness,
we beseech Thee, O Lord;
and by Thy great mercy defend us
from all the perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN **587 Amazing grace** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTnFF50UHZA>

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

John Newton

BLESSING

**May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to Himself;
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in His service;
may the joy, and the peace, of the Lord Jesus,
especially in this very troubled time, fill our hearts;
and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with each one of us, tonight, tomorrow, and in the days ahead. Amen.**

SUNG BLESSING

(Please join in with Praise Group) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_L1IhyeCUg

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep your hearts and minds within His love.

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth
to the heights of heaven.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.

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