

Mothering Sunday

An Order of Service for
Holy Communion



The Parish of St Bartholomew
and St Christopher, Haslemere

Welcome

Please stand

Hymn or Song

Sing! Let your mother be glad; let she who bore you be happy today!

All We are happy.

Sit *The minister bids all welcome and gives out any notices.*

Prayers of Preparation

The candle is lit by a child..

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, Lord, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, Lord, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, Lord, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary his mother, a reminder of your patient and caring love.

All Blessed be God for ever.

In Confession

The love of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour
Jesus Christ, who died that we might be pure and holy.
Let us then confess our sins.

Titus 2:11-14

**Sit or
kneel**

Silence is kept for us to offer our sins to God.

Almighty God you call us home to this our mother church,
yet we have often strayed from you.

Lord we are sorry.

All Lord we are sorry.

Great Shepherd, our mothers have cared and protected us
yet we have not always cared for them.

Lord we are sorry.

All Lord we are sorry.

Jesus and Lord, our mothers responded to our cries
yet we have not always heard the cries of others.

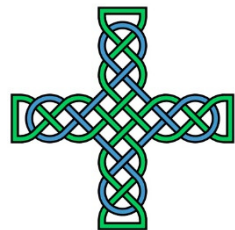
Lord we are sorry.

All Lord we are sorry.

We receive absolution and the assurance of sins forgiven.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse you from all your sins
that together we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.



The Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful:
as our mothers have watched over us
so Lord watch over us too,
from your heavenly home,
all the days of our life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen.

God's Word

A reading from Scripture precedes the Gospel reading.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn or Song

We turn to surround the gospel as it is brought amongst us.

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Address

After a short prayer please sit.

Our Prayers for Others

You may wish to kneel as we pray for each other and our communities. The following responses may be used.

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
All hear our prayer. **All** Lord, graciously hear us.

A time of silence may be kept, after which we respond:

Merciful Father,
All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

Stand

Lord, it was you who formed my life and knit me together in my mother's womb: now share your peace within us.

Psalm 139:13

So we meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please take time to greet others with the peace.

Hymn or Song

An offering may be taken up during the hymn.

The Holy Communion

Remain Standing

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

Eat
Body
Bread
Love

Wine
Blood
Jesus
Given
Take

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen

The 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
in one bread.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. Those who wish to receive a blessing are also welcome to come to the chancel carrying this sheet.

The Prayer after Communion

All Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children
so you have fed us in this holy communion
help us to taste your goodness
and to grow in strength
in this our church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Flowers for Our Mothers

The children are invited to the front of the church.

O God bless these flowers, bless us and bless our mothers.
May these flowers remind us how much our mothers have done
for us; may they remind our mothers that we love them; and
may they remind us all that God cares for each one of
us, because we are all his children.

All Amen.

The children take flowers to their mothers.



The Dismissal

Do please remain with us after the service.
Come into the church hall for refreshments.

Stand

Hymn or Song

The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us.

All Amen.

May God, who cares for us like a mother cares for her children,
bless us.

All Amen.

May Almighty God, who loves us all, be with our families now and
forever.

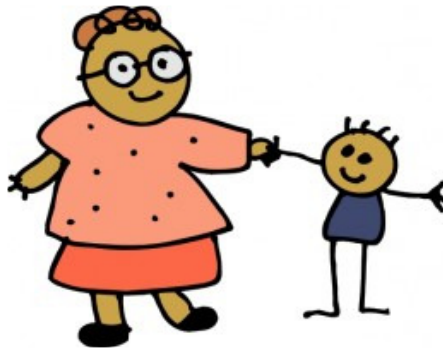
All Amen.

Go then as the family of blessed family of God.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen

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let your mother be glad;
let she who bore you be happy today!



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