



# St.Peter's Parkstone

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# *Celebrating Mothering Sunday*



*22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020*

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday*

*President: The Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

*Please DO take this service booklet home with you*

# **Welcome to St Peter's**

*If this is your first visit you're especially welcome, do please stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service.*

*A collection will be taken during one of the hymns. If you are making your contribution in cash or a cheque, please use one of the blue Gift Aid envelopes that you'll find near you and be sure to fill in the details on the envelope. That way you'll be able to 'Gift Aid' your contribution and St Peter's will be able to get some money back from the tax man.*

*If you give regularly by Standing Order you may like to make use of one of the 'tokens' which are available at the doors. This will enable you to place something into the collection today to represent your Standing Order giving.*

*Thank you.*

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*Welcome to this celebration of Mothering Sunday; we give thanks to God for our Holy Mother the Church; for Mary the mother of Jesus, for our own mothers and for all those who have 'mothered' us in our lives.*

*The service begins with a hymn,*

**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 sacrifice 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 ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:**

**For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**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 that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**All Amen**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

*Rev'd Sally welcomes everyone then says the Church's special prayer for Mothering Sunday*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord

**All Amen.**

*A Reading, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7(Good News Bible)*

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God. Just as we have a share in Christ's many sufferings, so also through Christ we share in God's great help. If we suffer, it is for your help and salvation; if we are helped, then you too are helped and given the strength to endure with patience the same sufferings that we also endure. So our hope in you is never shaken; we know that just as you share in our sufferings, you also share in the help we receive.

*Prayers of Penitence*

Lord God you have taught us to treat each other with compassion and to care for each other.

Lord have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

Lord God you have taught us to be kind whenever anyone is in need.

Lord have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

Lord God you have taught us to be humble and not to be conceited  
Lord have mercy

*All* **Christ have mercy**

Lord God you have taught us to forgive each other.  
Please forgive us when we have done wrong.  
Lord have mercy.

*All* **Christ have mercy**

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Hymn*

**Such love, pure as the whitest snow  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know  
Such love, paying the debt I owe  
O Jesus, such love**

**Such love, stilling my restlessness  
Such love, filling my emptiness  
Such love, showing me holiness  
O Jesus, such love**

**Such love, springs from eternity  
Such love, streaming through history  
Such love, fountain of life to me  
O Jesus, such love**

*The Gospel reading is John 19:25b-27*

*When it is announced...*

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

*All say* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the

disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*...at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*All say*     **Praise to you O Christ**

*Sermon, Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

*We stand to declare our faith in God.*

*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 of intercession*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

We end with

**Merciful father**  
**Accept these prayers**  
**For the sake of your Son,**  
**Our saviour**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We share a sign of God's gift of peace and give presents to all the mothers in the Congregation.*

Jesus said "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." As we have opportunity, let us work for good to all, especially to members of the household of faith  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

*Bread and wine are presented as we sing...*

**Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.**

**We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.**

**Think of the world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.**

**We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.**

**Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no-one living there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no-one to love and nobody to care.**

**We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.**

*As bread and wine are placed on the Altar...*

God of mercy and compassion, your word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day in the name of Jesus Christ our lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer (G)*

The Lord be with you

*All sing* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All sing* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All sing* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*Repeat after the cantor*

Holy Holy, Holy

*All sing* **Holy Holy Holy**

God of power and might

*All sing* **God of power and might**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

*All sing* **Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest

*All sing* **Hosanna in the highest (x3)**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

*All sing* **Hosanna in the highest (x3)**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All say*    **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Osmund and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All say*    **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*We remain standing and lift our hands as we pray the Lord's Prayer together*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
*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 President breaks the consecrated bread saying...*

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.**

Have mercy on us

*All sing* **Have mercy on us (x3)**

Jesus lamb of God

*All sing* **Have mercy on us (x3)**

Jesus bearer of our sins

*All sing* **Have mercy on us (x3)**

Jesus redeemer of the world

*All sing* **Grant us your peace (x3)**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

*All say* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome to come to the Altar to receive Communion or a Blessing.  
Any visitors who are used to receiving Communion in another Christian  
Church are welcome to receive Communion here today.*

*Communion will be offered in one kind only (i.e. the consecrated wafer/host)  
in accordance with advice from the national Church of England. Please  
receive the wafer/host in your hand and not on your tongue.*

*If you are not a Communicant you are welcome to come to the Altar for a  
Blessing. If you'd like to receive a Blessing please bring this service booklet  
with you to the Altar rail. Please join in singing the Communion hymn.*

**God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,**

**he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.**

*After Communion these prayers are offered*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in the sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Announcements are made and Banns of Marriage are read*

*We sing the final hymn*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.**

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The love of the lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the lord Jesus strengthen you in his service. The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace  
Bring the new life of Christ to those you meet  
Be guided always by the teaching of Jesus.  
Offer to all the care he offered

Gather together before the Lord often  
Go in the peace of Christ

**All Thanks be to God.**

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