



**All-age Eucharist on Mothering Sunday
Sunday 30th March 2025
St Anne's Mass - MacMillan**



An informal welcome is offered before the service begins.

Processional 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:
powers 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 Gathering

A minister greets the people with these words:

We meet in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Introduction

The theme of the service is introduced informally.

Prayer of Preparation and Penitence

God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs of a small child alone in the reeds, so help us to notice those areas of our own lives needing care and attention. Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Absolution

The president says:

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid, please forgive us and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gospel *Luke 15: 1-3, 11- end*

We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as the gospel is read.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

A sentence from scripture is sung and we all respond:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All-Age Talk

Prayers led by the children preparing for their First Communion at Easter.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The children invite us to share a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

A collection plate will be passed around if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby, or the QR code on the yellow card in the back of your chair.

**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 every moment of life and 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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

**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.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *please sit*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

The President breaks the consecrated bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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

If you would like to receive Communion you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not normally have Communion but would like a blessing, please come up to the altar holding this service book as a sign. A sidesperson will show you when to come up.

During Lent there is an opportunity to receive a prayer for wholeness and healing after you have received Communion. This is available in the Lady Chapel.

Anthem

please sit

Ave Maria - Lindley

Prayer After Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this 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.

**Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread of heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true living bread, and
enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Notices and Banns of Marriage

Blessing of posies for presentation

To be distributed by The Guides

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.
May the Lord, whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out 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. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in E minor "The Great" - Bruhns

The Guides will be distributing posies as you leave church today.

Please stay and join us for refreshments!