**Mothering Sunday**

**at Holy Trinity, Jersey**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

*(You are invited to say the words in* ***italics****)*

Welcome

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

Thank You for ev’ry new good morning,

Thank You for ev’ry fresh new day,

Thank You that I may cast my burdens

Wholly on to You.

Thank You for ev’ry friend I have, Lord,

Thank You for ev’ry one I know,

Thank You when I can feel forgiveness

To my greatest foe.

Thank You for leisure and employment,

Thank You for ev’ry heartfelt joy,

Thank You for all that makes me happy,

And for melody.

Thank You for ev’ry shade and sorrow,

Thank You for comfort in Your Word,

Thank You that I am guided by You

Everywhere I go.

Thank You for grace to know Your gospel,

Thank You for all Your Spirit’s power,

Thank You for Your unfailing love

Which reaches far and near.

Thank You for free and full salvation,

Thank You for grace to hold it fast.

Thank You, O Lord I want to thank You

That I’m free to thank!

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That I’m free to thank!

*M G Schneider (JP230)*

A Time to say Sorry

Listen to God’s commandment: ‘Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long.’

Today, we not only celebrate, but we also remember that often we fail to give enough respect or attention to those we love.

For the times when we quarrel and fight,

***Lord, we are sorry—bring us back to you.***

For the times when we have refused to share,

***Lord, we are sorry—bring us back to you.***

For the times when we hurt one another by

what we say and do,

***Lord, we are sorry—bring us back to you.***

For our selfishness in only wanting the best for ourselves,

***Lord, we are sorry—bring us back to you.***

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Thanksgiving

Lord God, our heavenly Father: we give thanks for each family and home, where we belong:

For mothers, who love us whatever happens,

***thank you.***

For fathers, who also love us whatever happens,

***thank you.***

For brothers and sisters, who enrich family life,

***thank you.***

For grandparents, who have time to listen,

***thank you.***

Today we celebrate all that our families mean to us. ***Amen.***

Hymn

God of Eve and God of Mary

God of love and mother-earth

Thank you for the ones who with us

Shared their life and gave us birth

As you came to earth in Jesus



So you come to us today

You are present in the caring

That prepares us for life’s way

Thank you that the Church, our Mother

Gives us bread and fills our cup

And the comforter of the Spirit

Warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter

Bonds of friendship, ties of blood,

And for those who have no children

yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary

Christ our brother, human Son

Spirit, caring like a Mother

Take our love and make us one!

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009) (Sp42)*

# We listen to God’s Word:

A reading from the Bible, St Mark’s Gospel, chapter 10, verses 13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Give me peace in my heart,

Keep me resting,

Give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart,

Keep me resting,

Keep me resting till the end of day.

Give me love in my heart,

Keep me serving,

Give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart,

Keep me serving,

Keep me serving till the end of day.

Give me joy in my heart,

Keep me praising,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart,

Keep me praising,

Keep me praising till the end of day.

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!*

*Sing hosanna to the King of kings!*

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!*

*Sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me oil in my lamp,

Keep me burning,

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp,

Keep me burning,

Keep me burning till the end of day.

*Traditional (HON153)*

**Reflection led by the Grumpy Rector**

Hymn

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,

Accept the love we bring,

That we who know your favour

May serve you as our King;

And whether our tomorrows

Be filled with good or ill,

We’ll triumph through our sorrows

And rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty

And glory in your ways,

And make a joyful duty

Our sacrifice of praise.

*Michael Perry 1942-1996 (SP299)*

O God beyond all praising,

We worship you today

And sing the love amazing

That songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder

At every gift you send,

At blessings without number

And mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before you

and wait upon your word,

We honour and adore you,

Our great and mighty Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

Today we give thanks to God for the gift and calling of motherhood. For all we receive as children and for much of our life from our loving mothers, who have done, and continue to do so much for us. Given freely, whatever the cost.

Lord our God, ***receive our thanks and prayer.***

Help us not to take for granted the simple and everyday things that mothers do, the food on the table, the lift in the car, the help with homework, their love and care when we are sad, their laughter when they play with us.

Lord our God, ***receive our thanks and prayer.***

We are sorry for the times when we have pushed our luck or upset them. Give them strength when they are tired Lord, and help us to show our love for them today and every day.

Lord our God, ***receive our thanks and prayer.***

We pray for those who have lost their mum, and for mothers who are unwell and not able to look after their children as they would like to. We give thanks for all who work to support mothers in their work and help them in time of need.

Lord our God, ***receive our thanks and prayer.***

We give thanks for the family of the Church in this place. Give us the faith and confidence to trust God and to be supported by each other.

 … Let us say together the prayer our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us:

***Our Father, which 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.***

Merciful Father, ***give us new life in you, accept our prayers and be with us always. Amen.***



Blessing and Presentation of flowers

O God, who gives us so many gifts, we thank you for these flowers. We ask that they may be a token of our love and thanks for all that you and our parents do for us. May your blessing be upon our gifts and on our giving, for Jesus’ sake. ***Amen.***

(A collection for the on-going work of the Church is taken during the next hymn, and for those who wish to use their phone, there is a QR code below)

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!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (NEH186)*

A Prayer of Blessing

Wherever we go, may the joy of God the Gracious be with us.

Wherever we go, may the face of Christ the kindly be with us.

Wherever we go, may the encompassing of the Spirit of Grace be with us.

Wherever we go, may the presence of the Trinity surround us to bless and keep us. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, now and for ever more. ***Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord - In the name of Christ, Amen.

Refreshments will now be served by the chaps: Happy hour at the ‘church bar’!



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