

All Saints, Clifton

Mothering Sunday

11 March 2018

JOINT MASS

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*A warm welcome to everyone, please stay for refreshments after the service.
Today's Mass will be followed by Parish Lunch*



Traditionally the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Mothering Sunday.

Although often called 'Mothers' Day' it has nothing to do with the American festival of that name. In the past it was the day when domestic servants were able to visit home to visit parents.

Before that, it was the day on which worshipers visited their 'mother' church (the cathedral). Some think that as children walked along the lanes they gathered a posy of wild flowers to give to their mother as a small gift.

In the Book of Common Prayer and the Roman Missal the Epistle today, from Galatians, includes (4:26) recognises that:

'Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the Mother of us all'.

Mass setting *Murray*

Pages 14 & 15, All Saints Mass Book

Hymn: NEH 285

Introduction and Welcome

The Greeting:

We meet in the name of God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Confession:

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

In sorrow we confess our sins.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints forever. **Amen**

The Prayer for Today (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.**

The Reading for Today:

Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell

in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Presentation: Fr Paul Roberts

Psalm 23 (Verse 1 and first chorus from Family Service Congregation)

Blessing of Flowers

Let us pray.

Holy and loving Father, we celebrate your gift of motherhood to the world, both in the Church, and in Mary, and in our own mothers. We thank you for their goodness, and pray that, by your + blessing, these flowers and cards may be worthy tokens of the love and gratitude we have for our mothers. We make our prayer through Christ your Son our Saviour.

Amen.

Please come up to receive posies as music is played.

We Proclaim our Faith:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father

almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Notices

The Peace and the Offertory:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: NEH 185

During this hymn the bread and wine are prepared and the collection is taken.

The Eucharistic Prayer

For this Eucharistic Prayer we
remain standing until
The Invitation 'God's holy gifts'

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for
yourself.

When we turned away you did not
reject us, but came to meet us in
your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat
with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in
us.

He opened his arms of love upon

**the cross and made for all the
perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at
supper with his friends he took
bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in
remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness
of sins; do this in remembrance of
me.

**Father, we do this in
remembrance of him: his blood is
shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory, send
your Holy Spirit that this bread
and this wine may be to us the
body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy
gifts make us one in Christ, our
risen Lord.**

With your whole Church
throughout the world we offer you
this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Every time we eat this bread and
drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

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

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

Please sit or kneel

The Giving of Communion

All are welcome to come to the
Altar rail to receive communion or
for a blessing

Anthem

Hymn: NEP 623

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us
share,
Each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
We'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world,
We'll live and speak his praise.

Post Communion Collect

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.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn: NEH 475

Organ:

*Now thank we all our God –
Karg- Elert*

Your prayers are requested for :

Sunday Verity Clark Ruth Harding Marjorie Polyblanc

Jill Morgan Tom Sheridan Cynthia Ashford Catherine Bradley Annette Young

Nancy Kwasnicki Christopher Gower Roger Durbin (Pr) Chris Verity

Monday John Bradley Chris Barnard Megan Lloyd-Davies Luke Sapsed

Bernice McCabe Robert Paul

Tuesday Chris Callow Elizabeth Judy Torrens Margaret Swindale

Diana Verity Peter Martin

Wednesday Derek Jay Felicity Firth Kate Thomas Molly Florey

Thursday Tom Hawkins Brenda Fortin Stephen Watts Su Prothero

Joyce Cooper

Friday Jill Masefield Sylvia Shore John Lewis Charlotte Hopkins

Saturday All those who come into our church to find the comfort of our Sacred Space. The Ministry Team- Ordained and Licenced

The Departed

Mike Lindsay Shirley Payne

Ella Larnier Gary Biggin

Roger Devonshire (Pr)

Alwyn Jones (Pr)

Jeremy Cooper (Pr)

Debbie Furlong

David Perkins

Eric Roberts

Anita Paul

Years' Minds - this week we remember:

Kim Pople Nigel Mead (Pr) Stella Shute Pat Coole

Jill Symonds