



St. Cross Parish Church

Clayton, Manchester



Mothering Sunday

THE GREETING

The president says

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Please SIT or KNEEL for the CONFESSION

When we say sorry to God

Let us call to mind our sin,
our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says the absolution where we are forgiven by God

May almighty God have mercy upon you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen

THE COLLECT (*The special prayer for Mothering Sunday*)

God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life,
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 forever.

All Amen.

SIT FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Exodus, chapter 2, verses 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, [a] "because," she said, "I drew him out [b] of the water."

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 3-7

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Remain STANDING for the GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34** Then Simeon^[a] blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed **35** so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please SIT for the TALK/SERMON

Please STAND for THE CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

REMAIN SEATED *or* KNEEL *for the* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The responses are:

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remain **STANDING** *for* **THE PEACE**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The president introduces the Peace

Jesus said 'Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called the children of God'
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.

The congregation is invited to greet each other and say.

'Peace be with you'

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

THE OFFERTORY HYMN (*During this hymn the bread and wine,
together with our gifts of money are brought to the altar*)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread
to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

**All Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the earth in winter,
and awakens again in spring.
You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *said*

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.

PLEASE SIT or KNEEL

We thank you loving Father,
because you sent Jesus, your Son,
he gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it and shared it with his disciples.
'This is my body', he said, 'given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me'.

After they had eaten, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and shared wine with his disciples.
'This is my blood', he said,
'poured out for you and for all people,
to save them from their sins.
Do this in remembrance of me'.

Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts

send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us to love one another,
and to work together for that day
when the whole world is fed,
suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With Mary, St John the Baptist and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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.**

AGNUS DEI *said*

Jesus Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Send us out into the world
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

THE DISMISSAL

Remain STANDING for the BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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 to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

