

ST MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION MOTHERING SUNDAY

WELCOME:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

OPENING 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 & flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends
above;
Pleasures pure and undefiled:

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 which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on everyshore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

CONFESSION: *invitation*

Our Father in heaven forgive us
when we fail to honour our
parents as you commanded.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Jesus Christ give us that same
love that you had for your
mother and father.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Holy Spirit, build up our families
that they may become signs of
your presence in the world.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION & COLLECT

SONG:

**God's love is deeper than the
deepest ocean;**

GOSPEL: Luke 2 v 41-52

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK: Julie Allday

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God the Father
Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.

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.

SONG:

One thing I ask, one thing I seek, that I may dwell in your house, O Lord.

All of my days, all of my life,
that I may see you, Lord.

PRAYERS: Liz Brown

THE PEACE: *Introduction, then*
The peace of the Lord be always
with you: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: *(Offering
for MU Worldwide)*

Tell out my soul

The greatness of the Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us
all, your face is turned towards
your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your
Son

to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us
home to the city where angels
sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's
song:

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

**Blessed is he comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from
heaven. To the darkness Jesus
came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of
hope he touched untouchables
with love and washed the guilty
clean. This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your
Son, yet at the end they turned
on him.

On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and

glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER AND
BREAKING OF THE 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 one bread.

INVITATION to communion

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

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 & work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES & BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

**Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands & voices;
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

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 ever more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord In the name of Christ
amen