

EUCHARIST FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY
MARCH 10TH 2024

RICK welcomes people to worship

HYMN

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

 The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome are said and the theme introduced.

Prayer of Preparation

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

RICK – let's confess our sins to God

Minister The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not
of despise.

the Word Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our
 transgressions
 in penitence and faith.

 We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your
of Spirit.
the Word Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.
of Lord, have mercy.
the Word
All **Lord, have mercy.**
KYRIE

We keep a period of silence.

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

There is no Gloria in Lent.

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – read by Rick

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 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. 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. 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?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 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. When the child grew

up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading – read by Jenny

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 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. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 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. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading – read by Janet

Gospel reader 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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

at the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Revd Joe

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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.

Intercessions – led by Judith

President *Let us pray for the church and for the world
 and let us be thankful for God’s goodness*

Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ, Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority, the local community, those who suffer, and and the communion of saints.

After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or) Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
hear our prayer.
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand.

President Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

President - Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

President God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us
on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President 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:

All **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.**

President 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.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President 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.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

President 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.

All **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.**

President 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:

All **Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All **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.

President 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

All **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.**

(or)

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

President **Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be
healed.**

(or)

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

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

Prayer before Distribution

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.**

**Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.**

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.

**So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may
live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and
eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said.

Notices

Final Prayer - RICK

Minister of the Word **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 and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

JOE – A prayer as flowers are distributed

Loving God,
Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand.

President The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn

Our worship is over: our service begins.