

Song before Service

Great is he like none before

Welcome & Introduction

In this service today we will give thanks for our mothers. Also we will be looking at the Old Testament story of Moses' birth, and how his mother and Pharaoh's daughter (his step mother), cared for him.

Video - The birth of Moses

Worship in Song

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
Till evening comes in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight,
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah. Let all creation stand and sing:
Hallelujah. Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
The ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free
To live with him eternally.

Creation longs for his return,
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When he renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme:
The glory of our God and King.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father God, on this Mothering Sunday we want to thank you for mothers: for the people who

brought us into this world; for those who cared for us and helped us as we grew up, who helped us to become who we are today. Thank you for the time they have given to us, the things that they gave up or missed out on in order to look after us, and for their love for us. Please give all mothers the skills that they need, including patience, kindness, love, wisdom and faithfulness. **Amen.**

Confession

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.

We have failed to nurture the needy,
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted. **Christ, have mercy.**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us. **Lord, have mercy.**

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

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.**

Bible Reading

Exodus 1.15 - 2.10 (*Church Bible page 45*)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Worship in Song

Through every trial, through every fear
Through every tear we can't conceal
God we look to you
Through every storm, through every pain
Through every grief we can't explain
God we look to you

You became a Man of Sorrows
that we might know joy
You have treasured every tear drop
And said that you'd restore
You will not forget your people
You'll make all things new
Until you do we choose to trust in you

You are our hope, you are our strength
You are the anchor in the depths
God we look to you
You will return, you will sustain
You will bring joy we can't contain
Come Lord Jesus come

Bridge

You will make all things new,
Until you do we choose to trust in you
You will make all things new
Until you do we choose to worship you

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.
We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for mothers

Thank you God for the love of our mothers; thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

At the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us with a love beyond imagining; with a love which dispels fear; with a love which holds and guides us through life's trials and joys.

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

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and

said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

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

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

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.

We receive communion

Worship in Song

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and 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 evermore

Worship in Song

Great is he like none before
Son of God the living word
Oh praise oh sing praise
He walked the waves of Galilee
Raised the dead and calmed the sea
Give thanks to his name

Praise the King of Majesty
Praise the Lamb who died for me
Praise the Christ our victory
We'll sing forever great is he
Jesus our Saviour great is he

Then he died on Calvary
The bravest one there'll ever be
His love made a way
No heart could carry what he held
Our sin upon his shoulders fell
Oh grace oh such grace

See he reigns in glory now
Every worldly kingdom bow
To him all to him
He rules above all time and space
Yet in his heart we have a place
Lift high heaven's King

Bridge

Hallelujah, there is no one greater than you
Jesus King Jesus

Worship in Song

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and you uphold me
And your promises are my delight

Bridge

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good, and for your glory
Even in the valley you are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good, and for your glory

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children,
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.**

Worship in Song

In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me you are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that you are always for me
For your word has told me so

I will follow you, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near
By your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart
With your everlasting love

I was lost but then you came and found me
And in love you brought me home
I was dead in sin but then you raised me
I am saved by grace alone

Bridge

For no height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love
No height no depth no life no death
No power on earth can take us from your love

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life. May the Lord who
provides for all our needs sustain us day by
day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is for
all, send us out to live and work for others.
And may the blessing of God the Father, God
the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be with you
now and always. **Amen.**

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

Giving of Flowers

Music as we leave

Through every trial, through every fear