

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

The **Eucharist**
on
Mothering Sunday



The Gathering

Hymn

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

A period of silent reflection may follow.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Absolution

The president pronounces God's love and 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.

The Collect

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

Let us pray:
God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The Old or New Testament Reading
At the end of the Reading:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm 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**

The Prayers

All kneel or sit. Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered.

The following intercession may be used:

Leader: God of love,

Response: hear our prayer.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth...

Leader: God of love,

Response: hear our prayer.

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found...

Leader: God of love,

Response: hear our prayer.

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus...

Leader: God of love,

Response: hear our prayer.

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

Leader: God of love,

Response: hear our prayer.

The prayers may be ended as follows:

Loving God,
accept the cries of our heart
as we offer you prayers;
through them transform us
and all creation until you are in all and through all.
We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn

Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

**Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours: all things come of you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Faith
and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All kneel or sit for:

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei

All say or sing:
**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 your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**



Welcome

The Church of England welcomes communicant Christians of any denomination to receive the sacrament.

If you are not accustomed to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing.

At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ *and each responds: **Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

All stand for the post-communion prayer,

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

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.

Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

Children may lead the following responsory

For the care of mothers;

Thanks be to God.

For their patience when tested;

Thanks be to God.

For their love when tired;

Thanks be to God.

For their hope when despairing;

Thanks be to God.

For their service without limit;

Thanks be to God.

Other words of thanksgiving may be added if appropriate.

Hymns or songs of praise may be sung during the distribution of flowers to the congregation. At the end of the distribution of flowers, all say this prayer.

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

Blessing:

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
May almighty God bless you, +Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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