



Mothering Sunday at Cheswardine 2020 Loving and Letting Go

Welcome
Call to worship

God our Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, lived in a family at Nazareth. As we meet together now help us to learn more about what it is to love our families and friends as you love us and to live as a Church family. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Candles lit in first hymn for mothers we have lost

Hymn – As we are gathered, Jesus is here.

A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, parent of us all, we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving.

There are times when we insist on getting our own way despite what others feel.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving.

Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to seek peace, or say things which hurt one another.

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving.

God has loved us, sending his Son Jesus to show us the true meaning of forgiveness

Lord God, forgive us; and help us to be more loving. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading - Exodus 2:1-10. The Birth of Moses

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Second Reading - John 19:25-27 New Living Translation (NLT)

²⁵ Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." ²⁷ And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Offertory Hymn – Be still for the presence of the Lord**Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come not because I invite you; it is our Lord. It is our Lord's will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began.

On the night He was betrayed, he sat down at supper with His disciples. While they were eating, He took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them saying, *"This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."*

Later He took a cup of wine, saying, *"This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."*

So as we do in this place what You did in an upstairs room, send down Your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us Your body; healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for You, Your body, loving and caring in the world until Your Kingdom comes.

And as Jesus said a prayer before sharing, let us do so too.

**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 people come for Communion or for a blessing.

Blessing after Communion

As you love each other, grow in the love of God.
As you give yourselves to each other, God gives himself to you.
As you share your lives together, God shares his life with you.
As you grow in awareness of each other, grow in awareness of God.
Let his love encircle your love.
Let his life fill your lives.
Let him bind you as one together and one with him. Amen

Prayer before the distribution of flowers

**Father in heaven, bless all mothers and those who look after us
in our daily lives. Make us grateful for their kindness and
thankful for their care. Help us to respond to them in loving
obedience, following the example of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.**

Flowers will be distributed during our final hymn.

Final hymn – In Christ Alone