

All age Mothering Sunday Service



Welcome to the Church of St. Mary Reepham

WELCOME AND NOTICES

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all:

and also with you.

Mothering God, you create us to be alive to love, help us to enter into your love today. Mothering Christ, you restore us, to be full of joy, help us to enter into your joy today. Mothering Spirit, you refresh us, to be open to your peace. Help us to enter into your peace today. Amen.

SAYING SORRY

Let us call to mind our wrong attitudes and actions, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

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. Yet often we seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we ask for help. But we often ignore the needs of others.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

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**

COLLECT PRAYER

1st Reading & Psalm

GOSPEL READING Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (23 v 37 onwards)

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

ADDRESS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm, our common faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

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?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF PEACE

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.

THE EUCHARIST 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

It is always right to give you thanks,
Our God, Author of life.
Life full and abundant,
You are holy and strong.
You made us to be full of life
and filled your world with love.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He lived, died and rose to give us everlasting
life.
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the
world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join with the angels saying,

**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.]**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for
you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of
wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, say-
ing:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the

new promise of God's unfailing love. Do
this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share
these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one
another. Work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray,
**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

We break this bread to share in the body of
Christ

**Though we are many we are one body be-
cause we all share in one bread.**

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

Come you who have much faith and you who have little.

Come you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Come you who tried to follow and you who have failed

Come you who love him and who want to love him more.

Come not because I invite you but our Lord invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

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 and work to your praise and glory. Amen

THE BLESSING

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 over her children bless you. The blessing of God our Mother, brother and friend be with you and all those you love, now and forever.

Amen

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord .

In the name of Christ Amen.