

# Mothering Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## Welcome & Lent Cross

Jesus, who journeyed to the cross: **come to your people and set us free.**

Jesus, who rose in power from the dead: **come to your people and set us free.**

Christ came for our broken world: **Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

## Hymn *Tell out my soul*

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word;

In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age to same;

His holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight

The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure;

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord,

To children's children and for evermore!

## Confession – *We begin with a moment of silence*

Turning to God in confession, we say together:

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 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.**

***Absolution:** May the God of love and power*

*forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,*

*and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

## Thanksgiving Prayers – *please light a candle if you have one to hand*

We light this candle:

To remind ourselves of the great care and love you have for each one of us.

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you.**

For parents, and the love which brought us to birth:

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you.**

For Mothers, for all they do, or once did; for all they give, or once gave;

and for all they mean, and will always mean.

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you.**

For all families throughout the world.

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you**

For the family of the church here and everywhere.

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you**

For all who nurture and encourage others.

And all who have been with us in our hopes, joys and also in times of sadness:

Nurturing God: **We praise and thank you.**

## Reading: Psalm 131

## Special Prayer for Mothering Sunday

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.**

## Reading: Acts 2:42-47

## Hymn: *The Servant King*

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe;  
Entered our world, your glory veiled.  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King -  
He calls us now to follow Him:  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
Yet "Not my will but Yours", he said.

3. Come see His hands and His feet -  
The scars that speak of sacrifice;  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him:  
Each others' needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

## Reflection

**Prayers: Response:** *Lord of the nations: hear our prayer.*

**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.**

## Hymn: *Father I place into your hands*

1. Father, I place into Your hands,  
The things I cannot do.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The things that I've been through.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust You.

2. Father, I place into Your hands  
My friends and family.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The person I would be,  
For I know I always can trust You.

3. Father, we love to see Your face,  
We love to hear Your voice.  
Father, we love to sing Your praise  
And in Your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with You  
And in Your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust You.

4. Father, I want to be with You  
And do the things You do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That You are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
That You will draw to You,  
For I know that I am one with You.

## A Final Blessing