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St John the Divine, Merton

**The Parish Church of
St John the Divine, Merton**

**Mothering Sunday
Eucharist for All Ages**



The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

The Priest welcomes every one and introduces the service.

Opening Prayers

We praise you, our God, for all parents, and carers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love

Blessed be God for ever.

Please kneel or

Prayers of Penitence

In silence we remember the ways that we
have not loved God as we should

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and
repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who
died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from
darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said, and all respond
Amen.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of intercession

At the end of each petition:
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

At the end: Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers For the sake of your**
Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you': look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom; where you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

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

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.**

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful' holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Holy Most Holy, all holy the lord
In power and wisdom forever adored.
The earth and the heavens full of your love;
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed most blessed, all blessed is he,
Whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free; Who
comes in the name of the Father of light
Let endless hosannas resound in the height (*slane*)**

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, saying:

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.

And now with Mary, and all your saints we glorify your name, for all
honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the
Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A time of quiet is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

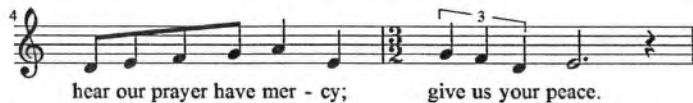
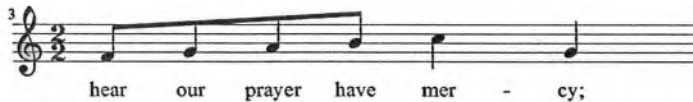
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion



**Jesus, by whose suffering we are healed: Jesus, man of sorrows,
friend of grief: Hear our prayer, have mercy; hear our prayer,
have mercy: give us your peace.**

**Jesus, crucified, transcending time: Jesus, Saviour, by whose death
we live: Hear our prayer...**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We warmly invite everyone to come to the altar rail at the time of communion. All who are communicants in any Christian church are welcome to receive communion. If you do not receive communion, please keep your head bowed for a blessing.

Hymn

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,
you feed us with gifts from heaven;
may this holy food build us up in love
so that we may worship you, grow together,
and serve each other in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you.

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you.

May God who loves and nurtures us bless you

May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

Please leave this booklet in church

Please stay for refreshments and time to meet others.