

OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

Service Sheet for the Fourth Sunday before Lent

Mothering Sunday

14th March 2021

Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. Near the start of this service you are invited to light a candle so if you wish to please have one ready to light. The film for this service can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/> and click on 'videos'.

GREETING

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

We pause to remember and be thankful for the gift of life, given of God and nurtured by mothers.

PRAISE AND THANKFULNESS

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All 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.

All Blessed be God for ever.

CONFESSION

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.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.

We fail to live as your children.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

HYMN

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness –
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Lumbered by a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

READING

Exodus 2.1-10

REFLECTION

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God

All 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.

INTERCESSIONS

This or another response may be used

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All 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 PEACE

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

We remember today those whose mothers have died, those who have a difficult relationship with their mother, those whose childhood was not as they had hoped and for those who hope to be mothers. We ask God to comfort them and give them peace.

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

All and also with you.

If we are with a family member, we share the peace with them and name others known to us who need God's peace. If we are on our own, let us close our eyes briefly, receive God's peace and hold before God those who we bless with God's peace.

HYMN

God is love, he tends and cares;
In a mother's arms he bears
Every child, who's born to die –
He saves in Christ.
Such a wondrous story came
To a world where guilt and shame
Overwhelm with fear and pain
The joy of life.

Chorus

Pour your Spirit

On your world, Lord

We all need your love and tender care.

Bless your Church, Lord.

Make us holy

In the love of Jesus, Mary's Son.

Mary said 'I will' to God:
Love is born where we have trod –
Human days are shared by Him
Who knows no age.
So the Lord of time and space
Meets us with a human face –
Jesus leads us by the hand
To bring us home.

Chorus

By the cross, Our Lady stood,
Saw her son nailed to the wood:
Love outpoured between the two -
The sky turned black.
Jesus died, to rise again,
Sharing fear and human pain
So that all might live in Him –
The Lord of life.

Chorus

In a family God lives;

Simple joys he shares and gives:

As a mother loves her child,

God loves his world.

Make us strong to share this life,

Bring true peace in place of strife;

Spread the love that counts no cost –

So all are free!

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FINAL PRAYER, BLESSING and DISMISSAL

We pray together

All 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.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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