

**The Parish of Newport & Carisbrooke  
with Gatcombe  
Holy Communion for  
Mothering Sunday**



GATHERING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

*Words of Welcome and introduction*

GATHERING PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks  
for all those who have mothered us in our lives.  
In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly  
love,  
please use us to aid others in providing comfort,  
nurture, protection and support.**

**We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us, so that we might celebrate your goodness together through our own brokenness.**

**Amen**

## CONFESSION

God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs of a small child alone in the reeds, so help us to notice those areas of our own lives needing care and attention. Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him  
in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

COLLECT

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from Exodus

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> His

sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.'

*Exodus 2.1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to John.

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

*John 19.25b-27*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## REFLECTION

## DECLARATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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.**

**Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

## THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He offered up his life for us with a love beyond imagining; with a love which dispels fear; with a love which holds and guides us through life's trials and joys.

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

## COMMUNION 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and

archangels and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of  
Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers  
are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.



Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right  
hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the  
body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of  
everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S 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 forever.  
Amen**

## 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 INVITATION

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.**

*Please use these prayers as a form of spiritual communion. Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care. Amen.**

**AFTER COMMUNION**

God of Grace and compassion your son, Jesus Christ was part of a family in Nazareth. He knew the love of a mother and of a father and by dying on the cross brought us all together as new family. Help us in the Christian Journey to strive for that day when the whole of humanity is one family together in your church.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,  
strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us  
day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us  
out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you  
always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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