St Mary's Church, Chartham

Mothering Sunday Service

Welcome

Call to worship

God, creator and parent of all
we come to worship you.

God, you nourished and rescued your people
we come to worship you.

God, you care for us like a mother
we come to worship you.

God, you give strength and love to all who care for children
we come to worship you.

God, you support us in good times and hard times
we come to worship you.

Help us to listen to the story of your saving love
to share in your love,
and to be carriers of that love to all your people.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.
Amen.

Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful (533)

Prayers of Penitence

We say sorry together:

Loving God, you love us as good parents love their children.
When we have not loved you:
forgive us.

When we have not given our parents the love they have shown to us:
forgive us.

When we have been angry with our brothers and sisters
and other members of our family:
forgive us.

When the example we have set before our children has been less than perfect:
forgive us.

Lord, forgive us for those things
we have done wrong
and help us to show your love to those around us
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

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

Bible Reading: Exod 2:1-10

Talk: Rev Andrew

Craft Activities

Song: Fathers and mothers (136)

Prayers

In our prayers today,
when I say 'Loving God',
please respond
we thank you for all your gifts to us.

Lord's Prayer

We say the Lord's Prayer together
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 for 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

Offertory song: Lord of all hopefulness (713)

Notices

We say together
Thank you God for the love of our mothers and all who
love and care for us.
Thank you for loving us in your Son Jesus Christ.
Help us to bring your love and joy to others.
Amen

Final Song: Give me joy in my heart (638)

Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, 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.
Amen.

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