



Mothering Love

Heart & Anchor Church

SERVICE ORDER

Zoom Worship, 14th March 2021



9.45am Zoom starts admitting people

**Hymn: [Now Thank We All Our God - Classic Christian Hymns](#)
[Choir / Lyrics](#)**

10.00am start

Welcome and introduction

The Lord is Here

His Spirit is with us

- *As usual, we will mute everyone with us on zoom unless they are speaking.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone on zoom please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

Opening prayer

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praising and Thanking God

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.

Silence for reflection

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.

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.

The Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw *us* to himself,
and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins
that *we* may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept.

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

Exodus 2:1-10

The birth and mothering of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.





The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

All. Thanks be to God

Silence

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 19:25b-27

Jesus gives his mother a son and his friend a mother

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.





Talk by Rosy Fairhurst

Declaration of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers

The 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.

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by
text or message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!*



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[Communion Music: St. Anselm's Prayer: Are You Not Also a Mother? by Christopher Grundy | Free Listening on SoundCloud](#)

is based upon a prayer by St. Anselm of Canterbury, written around the year 1100. It draws upon Luke 13:34 (and parallel in Matthew), in which Jesus compares himself to a mother hen.

Recorded live in the chapel of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Lyrics by St. Anselm, translated by Sr. Benedicta Ward, adapted by Christopher Grundy.

Music by Christopher Grundy, Brett Palmer, and Donita Bauer.

***And you,
Jesus,
are you not also a mother?
Are you not like a mother hen
gathering her chicks
under her wings?
Truly,
Jesus,
you are a mother,
for all those in labour
and all who are born
are eagerly welcomed
into your gentle arms.
And you,
my soul,
run underneath the feathers
of Jesus your mother;
pour out your griefs
under her wings
And ask
Jesus
the great mother***

***that in her sweet mercy
your wounds may be healed
and in that comfort
you may live again.
Christ, my mother
you still gather
all of your children in;
So, now I
place myself
underneath those wings.
So now I
place myself
underneath your wings.***

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The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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 into the likeness of Christ,

and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Moses, Miriam, Mary and all the saints

to the vision of that eternal splendour

for which you have created us;



through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by him, with him, and in him,
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 Lords 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.**

Post-communion prayer

Loving God,
As a mother feeds her children at the breast
You feed us in this sacrament
With the food and drink of eternal life:
Help us who have tasted your goodness
To grow in grace within the household of faith;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The love of God be the passion in your heart.
The joy of God your strength when times are hard.



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The presence of God a peace that overflows.
The Word of God the seed that you might sow.
and the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Notices

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Song: [What a Friend I've Found \(Delirious?\)](#)