

**St Mary-at-Finchley  
Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist  
10am, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

**The Gathering**

Hymn: 60 Bind us together

*Refrain:*

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
bind us together in love.*

*There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one Body.  
That is why we sing:*

*Refrain*

*Fit for the glory of God,  
Purchased by his precious Son,  
Born with the right to be free,  
Jesus the victory has won.*

*Refrain*

*We are the family of God,  
We are his promise divine,  
We are his chosen desire,  
We are the glorious new wine*

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

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

We say sorry for all the things that we have done wrong.

**Gracious God, we have not loved you with all our hearts. We have not cared for others as for ourselves. In your great mercy forgive us and help us to lead a new life in your service.**

*Youth Choir sing the Dominican Kyrie (Philip Ledger)*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to eternal life. **Amen.**

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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

#### **A reading from the book of Exodus (2. 1 – 10)**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is  
Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(19.25-27)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Preacher     The Curate**

**Prayers**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*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**

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.

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: 206 He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.(x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.(x3).

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hand.(x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hand. (x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

### **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.**

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:

**ALL SING: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God we adore you:  
How we love you!**

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.

**ALL SING: Jesus we adore you, lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!**

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.

**ALL SING: Spirit we adore you, lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!**

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with blessed Mary and 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.**

**ALL SING: Father we adore you, lay our lives before you:  
How we love you!**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

During Communion: Margaret Poston, *All this Happiness*  
Hymn 33 Angel Voices

Angel voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can see,  
can it be that thou regardest  
our poor hymnody?  
Yes, we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us  
constantly.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;

craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Notices**

#### **Blessing of the flowers**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of the universe and Father of all, we  
praise you for your glory, and thank you for all your great works. In your  
mercy, bless us and bless these flowers. Teach us to share your generosity  
with others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The flowers are distributed*

## Hymn: 407 Tell out my soul

1 TELL out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.

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based on ST LUKE 1.46—55 in  
the *New English Bible*

## **God sends us out into the world with his blessing**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

May God who gave birth to all creation bless you; may God, who was born of an earthly mother, bless you; may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **Thanks be to God**

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