Our Faith: Mothering Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known by a number of different names. It is kept as a day of greater festivity than the other Sundays of Lent - priests and deacons sometimes wear rose coloured vestments on this day - and is sometimes called Refreshment Sunday, though this title is less common nowadays, or Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word for 'rejoice'. In France it is called Mid-Lent and is sometimes celebrated with processions and feasting. Mothering Sunday is the name by which it is most commonly known and was once the day when servant girls were allowed to return to their homes to see their mothers. It was the custom for them to take simnel cake as a gift for their mothers, or to pick wild flowers on the way and make them into a posy tied up with ribbons. In more recent years, the secular celebration of Mother's Day has increasingly taken over from Mothering Sunday, however for Christians this is an occasion to give thanks to God for the gift of marriage and family life, for our own mothers living and departed, and for all who care for us; we should also give thanks for our mother the Church and, of course, for the love and protection of our Blessed Lady Mary, God's own Mother and ours. Next Sunday we enter into Passiontide and our thoughts turn to the cross of Christ. Let us entrust the next stage of our Lent pilgrimage to Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, who stood at the foot of her Son's cross, and ask her to walk with us towards Good Friday and from there to the iov of Easter.

From the Fathers:

'The Lord tells us: *I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* In these few words he gives a command and makes a promise...Let us do what he commands. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Let us throw off the chains that prevent us from following him.' *From a treatise on John by St Augustine*

Collect:

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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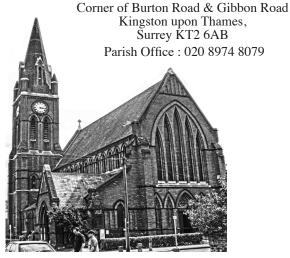


The Passion of the Lord is the Passion of his Blessed Mother also. Here we see the fulfilment of the prophecy of Simeon, when Jesus was presented in the Temple, that a sword shall pierce your own soul too. Now the Mother witnesses the death of her own Son. The great Roods, the hanging Crosses of our Churches may put this scene before our very eyes, of the Crucified Redeemer, the faithful Disciple, and the death of the One through whom we are truly given life. As Jesus commends his Mother and the beloved Disciple one to the other, God's people find a new family home in the Church. There is only one other place in the Gospel where Jesus calls his Mother, Woman, and that is the Wedding at Cana. There she says, Do whatever he tells you, and water is turned into wine, the first of his great signs. Now death becomes the way to life for us. May her words be the inspiration for our discipleship, and may the Blessed Mother of Sorrows pray for us.

Gospel: St. John 19: 25b-27

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St Luke's Parish Church Kingston upon Thames



We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass 10.30am Sung Mass 5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

9.00am Mass Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 11th March: Feria

Isaiah 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4,5-6,11-13; John 4:43-54

TUESDAY 12th March: Feria

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 13th March: Feria

Isaiah 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 14th March: Feria

Exodus 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

9.00am Mass

FRIDAY 15th March: Feria

Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21 &23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 16th March: Feria

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; John 7:40-53

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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul; for Peter Bennett, Tom Hatton, Jason Ridley, Lucy, Judith C, and Anne Oram.

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Susan S, Editha Hinds, Carol, Patrick & Sue Codd , Sandy Tanner. and Joan Wigham.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jason Hughes, Sean, Canon Parry

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Frank Rata

MONDAY: John Allen (Priest), Tim Scott

TUESDAY: Mary Simmons, Ronald Brierley, Albert Clark

THURSDAY: William Hanham, Martha Mills, Reginald Adams, Freddie Cook

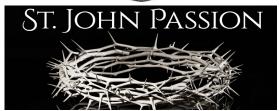
FRIDAY: Margaret Buckwell, Roger Fisher, Jessie Roach,

Henry Shorey

SATURDAY: Henry Burt

Tiffin School Concert





Friday 15th March 7.00pm Tickets:- www.ticketsource.co.uk/tiffinchoirs And when I think that God, his Son not sparing; sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. *R*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart; then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art *R*

NOTICES

WE WELCOME YOU to St Luke's this morning, especially if is your first time with us. Please make contact if you would like a visit from Fr Martin, or if you would like to come in for an appointment (contact details are on the inside back cover of this pew bulletin).

PEW BULLETINS: Please take your pew bulletin home, not just for the notices, but also to reflect on the readings, prayers and hymns. (If there are spares at the back of the church, why not take an extra one to give away?).

THE HEALING MINISTRY: including the Sacraments of Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick, and/or the laying on of hands and prayer, is available at home or in hospital. Contact Fr Martin.

EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be added to our email list for regular service updates and community events please email parish@stlukeskingston.uk to say you wish to be added.

We would like to wish Janet Balcomb a very Happy Birthday as she celebrated her 88th Birthday this week.





THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ORGAN MUSIC

Ave Maria - F Schubert

ENTRANCE HYMN

186. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord 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.

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.

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

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.

ANTIPHON *Psalm 67:6*

Priest: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The celebrant asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

411: I confess to almighty God,

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned

in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done.

and in what I have failed to do:

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Choir: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison. Christe eleison.



Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT

Priest: O God, who through your Word reconciles the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. All: Amen

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (ESV)* A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the Lord that he had made holy in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up."

The Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136 (137) R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs." **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 122 (121): 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Maria - Sir Edward Elgar 1857-1934.

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

Holy Virgin, by God's decree, you were called eternally; that he could give his Son to our race, Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

By your faith and loving accord, as the handmaid of the Lord, you undertook God's plan to embrace, Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Refuge for your children so weak, Sure protection all can seek. Problems of life you help us to face. Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace. Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

To our needy world of today, love and beauty you portray, showing the path to Christ we must trace, Mary, our Mother, hail, full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

The Priest blesses the people, who respond: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: Thanks be to God

FINAL HYMN

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. R

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.



the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almight Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and him is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The People STAND

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,

and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10 (ESV)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 3:16 (ESV).

- v. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
- R. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
- God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
- R. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

THE GOSPEL John 3:14-21 (ESV)

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY *The people SIT*

NICENE CREED The people STAND I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light,



true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers: People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The people STAND

OFFERTORY HYMN

264 All things bright and beautiful (omit v3 in hymn book)

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; *Refrain*

The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows for our play, The rushes by the water, To gather every day; *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,

that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children. Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out and without end acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, 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.

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walks with us on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All Say: Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of