

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind  
for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Mothering Sunday**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for:** Margaret Parker, Charles Baker, Jessie Stevens, Revd Lawrence Wilson, Muriel Caygill, Audrey Harris, Winifred Anderson, Rosalinde Balfour-Melville, Alastair Mowat, Jeffrey Robinson.

*The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young.*

**Collect for Mothering Sunday:**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living,  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10** (Read by Catherine Rednall)

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 34: 11-20**

11. Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13. Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.
14. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
16. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
18. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
19. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
20. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-27 (Read by Lennox Brown)**

#### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Post Communion Prayer for Mothering Sunday:**

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**