

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 27th March, 2022
Mothering Sunday & Christening of Thomas John Beckett Simpson

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Alexander Davidson, Ian Candlidge, Gwendoline Arnold, Katherine Nason, Bill Black, Bill Henderson, David Flenley, Joan Toyne.

We pray too for Tony Wills, Douglas Hamilton and Pam Breeze, who have died recently.

We also give special prayers for Thomas on his Christening, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Claire A. & family, Faten and Huda as they settle into their new life in Scotland, Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of Tony Wills, Douglas Hamilton, and Pam Breeze.

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse

The Collect for Mothering Sunday is:

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

The Old Testament Reading is 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 127: 1-4

1. Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it
2. Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil.
3. It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
4. Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

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The New Testament Reading is 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.

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The Gospel Reading is John 19: 25b-27

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.

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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 sung Communion Setting is by MacMillan.

The Hymns are from New English Hymnal

137 Come down, O love divine
185 Sing we of the blessed mother
336 Angel-voices, ever singing

Anthems:

During Communion: *The Lord is my Shepherd (23rd Psalm)*, by Howard Goodall
Blessing after the Baptism, *The Lord bless you and keep you*, by Peter C. Lutkin