

**Holy Communion**

**Mothering Sunday**

**30 March 2025**

**8am**

A warm welcome to our service of Holy Communion. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge is presiding and preaching.

**Readings**

1 Samuel 1: 20-28

Colossians 3: 12-17

John 19: 25b-27

**Collect**

Let us pray.

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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**1 Samuel 1: 20-28**

*The Lesson is written in the first chapter of the First Book of Samuel, beginning at the twentieth verse.*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But

Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may

appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’

*Here endeth the lesson.*

**New Testament Reading**

**Colossians 3: 12-17**

*The Epistle is written in the third chapter of Saint Paul’s letter to the Colossians, beginning at the twelfth verse*

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.

*Here endeth the lesson.*

**Gospel Reading**

**John 19: 25b - 27**

*The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse*

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

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Sue Balmer, Fran Barlow, Mark Bromage, Ian Clark, Helen Delap, Hessie Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Sabrina Unold, Vinubhai Patel, Teresa Scotchmer, David Skingley, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Anne and Noel Timmons, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll. We also join with our Catholic brothers and sisters in praying for a speedy recovery for Pope Francis.

We remember all who have died recently including Philip Caine, Gillian duCharme, Alan Gutteridge and Wendy Meaney. We also remember Fuli To’o on her first year’s mind. We ask God’s blessing on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

**Service of music and readings for Lent**

**this evening, 30 March, at 6.30pm**

(this takes the place of Choral Evensong)

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 30 March *Mothering Sunday***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am All Age Eucharist with Baptism of Lucas De Andres

6.30pm Service of music and readings for Lent

(this takes the place of Choral Evensong today)

**Monday 31 March**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 1 April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 2 April**

10.00am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 3 April**

8.00amHoly Communion

**Sunday 6 April *Fifth Sunday of Lent***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**5.30pm Please note there is no *Abide* service today.**

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall.

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