

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace

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.**

All visitors who normally receive Communion are welcome to receive here. Others may come forward for a blessing, or remain in the pew.

Communion hymns:

383 Jesus, good above all other.

499 Make me a channel of your peace.

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and distribution of flowers

Heavenly Father, bless these flowers, tied with love. May they remind us how much our mothers have done for us; may they remind our mothers that we love them; and may they remind us all that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children. **Amen** .

Children come to collect flowers for mum or other women in the congregation, during which we sing our final hymn:

467 Lord of all Hopefulness



Final Blessing

May God bless you and your mother today. May you grow strong and happy. May truth be found in your words, stories, songs and dances. May faith, love, hope, and compassion be found in your heart. May you be a blessing to those around you, and bring honour to God in your unique way. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those you love, now and always. **Amen**.

Dismissal

God thinks you're wonderful,
go and be wonderful.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Retiring collection for
Family Support Work***

St Andrew's Church, Ferring

MOTHERING SUNDAY

22nd MARCH, 2020
9.30am

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

The Greeting

God is good
All the time.
All the time
God is good.

Opening Hymn: 510 Morning has broken

Invitation to confession

When children squabble and clash, mum says "Now say you're sorry". Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness for our sins.

Lord, for the times we show disrespect to our mothers and fathers,
to our sisters and brothers...
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, for the times we have been Untruthful, uncaring or rude...
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, for the times we have not valued or cared for our world, and taken your precious gift of life for granted...
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

As your mum cleans your clothes and your home, so the Father of all mercies cleanses you from your sins, and restores you in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

Merciful God, 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 lives that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

First 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.

Hymn: 692 Tell out my Soul

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the

falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness...

Loving Father, We give thanks for family life, and especially today for our mothers, our grandmothers, our god-mothers and aunts, and for all women who have been an influence on our lives. We give thanks for their sacrificial love shown in so many ways. Help us to show gratitude, not just on this day, but regularly and sincerely. We remember also those women who would have loved to have been mothers but were not; and those women who are content without having had children.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for Mother Earth. She is getting tired from our mis-use. The climate is changing. The Polar ice-caps are melting, and we are ruining the rainforests by our greed. We pray that multi-national companies may learn to put safety and protection of our world before profit, and that we too might play our part in caring for the planet.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray and give thanks for Mother Church, who watches over, protects and teaches each new generation about the wonderful love of God. We pray especially for this church, for Ferring Baptist Church, and English Martyr's Catholic Church. Help us to all work together as Christians to proclaim the faith, to learn more about you, and to trust you every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we hold before you the sick and suffering, our overburdened NHS, and our hardworking nurses, doctors and carers. We pray too for scientists and researchers, that they may find cures for diseases and illnesses that cause such pain and brokenness. We pray for all suffering with the coronavirus

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Finally, dear Father, we remember those of our mothers and grandmothers who are now with you in heaven. Thank you for the memories and the photographs we have to help us to treasure them, and their loving example of care and kindness. May they know peace and fulfilment in your eternal home of light.

Merciful Father... **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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: 26 All Things Bright and Beautiful

A collection will be taken for the work of the church. The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand OR sit/kneel throughout

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.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Speak, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Speak, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Speak, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Blessed Mary, St Andrew and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *sit/kneel*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.