



# St Anne's Church, Chingford

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## 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –Mothering Sunday

### Informal Eucharist - 10.00

**Welcomers:** Jacqueline Haniff-Bentham, Rosalind Tatam

**Server:** Jenny Scotchmer

**Chalice:** Julie Adesina, Anthony Sullivan

**Lessons:** Julie Adesina

**Preacher:** Mick Scotchmer

**Celebrant:** Mick Scotchmer

**Music:** Bill Gloyn



*During the service the words in normal type will be said by a leader and those in **bold** by all.*

**HYMN** 242 God is love: his the care

#### **GATHERING**

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

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

#### **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

This morning we come before God and in a moment of quiet bring before God the brokenness of the world and of our lives. So let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ loved us.

*Silence for reflection.*

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**This week**



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 19.30 PCC

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 20.00 Lent Course (by Zoom)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00 Eucharist

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10.00 Parish Eucharist

12.30 Simple Lunch

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live as your children.

### **Lord have mercy**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

### **Christ have mercy**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

**HYMN 455** - the Ghanaian "Kyrie"

### **ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

### **FIRST READING**

*Exodus 2.1-10*

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?'

<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.**

**HYMN** 692 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**GOSPEL** Luke 2.33-35

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**REFLECTION**

*We remain seated for the hymn*

**HYMN** 194 For Mary, mother of our Lord

*Please stand*

**PRAYER OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

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

*Please sit*



## PRAYERS

Let us pray

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found...

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus...

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

As God's children, and heirs with Christ we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



## SIGN OF 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 each other the sign of peace.

*All are invited to greet and shake hands with their neighbour.*

**HYMN** 306     He’s got the whole world in his hand.

*During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table*

*A little water is added to the wine as the celebrant says quietly*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant washes his hands saying quietly;*

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

**As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**His spirit is with us.**

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.**

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.

**HYMN 309 VS 1**

You give us friends and families

busy streets for young and old,

the life of an earthly city

fulfilled in your city to come.



## **HYMN 309 VS 2**

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



## **HYMN 309 VS 4**

*Please sit.*

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.

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.

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 St Anne, St Andrew, St Edmund and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

**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 your Peace.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God; our Lord is coming to us in bread and wine.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The celebrant and people receive communion.*

## **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.**

### **PRAYER FOR MOTHERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS**

Praise God who loves us.

**Praise God who cares.**

For the care of mothers;

**Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested;

**Thanks be to God.**

For their love when tired;

**Thanks be to God.**

For their hope when despairing;

**Thanks be to God.**

For their service without limit;

**Thanks be to God.**

*Distribution of flowers to the congregation.*

**Thank you God for the love of our mothers:**

**thank you God for their care and concern;**

**thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;**

**thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;**

**thank you God for all that they give us;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

#### **FINAL BLESSING**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.

May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

**HYMN** 532      Now thank we all our God



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We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way. If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.



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**Ukraine and Eat or Heat** - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

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**Electoral Roll** – The electoral roll is being reviewed. If you are not on it please fill a form available at the back of church.

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**This week's music.** - Not surprisingly, the music this Mothering Sunday has echoes of Mary, the mother of Jesus. It also commemorates the life and work of John Dowland who died in 1626 He was one of the most famous and well-travelled of Elizabethan period musicians. Many of his compositions concerned love - a suitable topic for today.

*25 years ago, people could be excused for not knowing much or doing much about climate change. Today, we have no excuse..*

Desmond Tutu

### FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

**Anniversaries for March:** 6th Lily Burnett, 9th Dorothy Rossiter, Joan Page-Webster, 10th Peter Simpson, 11th Florence Digman, 12th Elsie Muscutt, 15th Linda Smith-Pryor, 17th John Barwick, Violet Gibbs, 18th Aglaia Macropoulos, Cyril Ives, 21st Bernice Foster, Anthony Foster, 22nd Kim Runeckles, 23rd Derek Palmer, 24th Betty Crawford, 27th John Wood.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*