

St Hilda's Ashford



PARISH EUCHARIST

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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Today is Mothering Sunday. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. It is *Laetare* Sunday. The word comes from the Latin *laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: "to rejoice". It gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. It is also known as Rose Sunday, either because the golden rose sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-coloured (rather than purple) vestments permitted on this day.

THE GATHERING

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

All Loving, compassionate Father,
As a mother hen gathers her chicks,
So you draw the whole human faith to yourself.
Bring us together now, Lord,
that we may today and forever be untied under your wing
in all sorrows and joys.
Amen

Invitation to confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now
hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

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

***All* Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – 1 Samuel 1: 20 - end

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 forever; I will offer him as a nazirite^[1] 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.”

She left him there for the Lord.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second 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. ¹⁴ 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.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – John 19:25b-27

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And that is what the soldiers did.

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.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **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.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

At the end

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

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of
God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has
set her table.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All **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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.
Bring us at the last with St Hilda and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, and as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray:

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

The people and president receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

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.

All **Amen**

All **Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 17th March – 9.45am

Sunday 21st March 9.30am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our
Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Pat Kyle	Rev. Peter Taylor
Robb Clarke	Libby Mills	Chick Wilson
Rebecca Cohen	Raymond Nation	Peter Wilson
Ann Considine	June Prentice	Jo Wood
Michael Dixon	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Joey
Jackie Forsbrey	Delphine Scrivener	Erin
Patsy Forsbrey	Riley Shaw	George
Peter Garner	Anne Shenton	Izzy
Eileen Gilbert	Elsie Stone	
Jean Iddiols	Roy Stone	
Jane Johnson	Sandra Swain	

RECENTLY DEPARTED

John Radford	Peter Richardson	Jean Newric
Beryl Loveridge	Carol Davies	

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

James Chippendale	Constance Harrison	Joy Irene Constance Strange
Ramon George Kitto	Nellie Fifield	Freddie Francis
Harry Leonard Rouse	Vere Henry John Dansie	Charles Thomas Franklin
Joyce Ann Patterson	Helen Mary Davidson	Winifred Catherine Palmer

Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus

NOTICES

The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily.

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing and masks must be worn. Junior Church will not be returning at this time, however, children are very welcome in the main service in St Hilda's.

All tickets must be pre-booked to attend a service either via the links on our Facebook page and website or by contacting the parish office.

Day of Service	Booking Opens	Booking Closes	Online
Sunday	Monday 9am	Saturday midday	Yes
Wednesday	Thursday 9am	Tuesday midday	No

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll will close for revision Saturday 27 March 2021. If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship why not complete an Electoral Roll Application and come on our Roll. Forms are available from the Parish Office, either call on 01784 253525 or request by email on sthilda28@gmail.com

Please complete and return these forms either by post or email no later than Saturday 27th March 2021.

Holy Land Pilgrimage – 15th – 24th March 2022

A new date for the pilgrimage has been set, there is an information sheet available at the rear of the Church which gives further details of the pilgrimage and how to book.

St Hilda's News

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise at the Parish Office. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday. Due to illness, there has been no newsletter recently, however, we hope to have the next edition soon.

Sunday Tea & Chat (11.15am)

The tea and chat zoom code will be available on Facebook from 9am on Sunday.

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