

**GARROWBY BENEFICE**  
**Lent 4: Mothering Sunday**





## Introduction

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

**All His glories never come to an end**

They are new every morning

**All Great is thy faithfulness O Lord**

## *A candle is lit*

We light this candle to remind us of those who bring the light of God's love into our lives

**All Blessed be God forever**

We praise you our God for all mothers who have loved, and laughed, and laboured as they cared for their children

**All Blessed be God forever**

We praise you our God for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children

**All Blessed be God forever**

We praise you our God for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love and for Mary a reminder of your patient waiting love

**All Blessed be God forever**

## Confession and Absolution

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us

## *Silence for reflection*

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception, yet we fail to live as your children

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

You call us to do good, yet we seek our own good

Christ have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

You hear us when we cry for help, yet 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  
Amen

## Collect

All nurturing God, from the womb of your love came forth all creation. You sustain us with your loving care always. Incarnate in Jesus, you lived as a human child under the nurturing guidance of Mary your mother. Pour out the abundance of your grace upon all our mothers; those among us today, those who have passed away, those whose children live; and those who have lost children. May each of us know your bounteous love both now and in eternity.

**All    Amen**

***Hymn: For the beauty of the earth***

## Ministry of the Word

**A reading from the Song of St Anselm:**

Jesus like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

## The New Testament Reading

**Colossians 3 12-17**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is word of the Lord

**All    Thanks be to God**

***Hymn: Turn your eyes upon Jesus***

## The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 19 25b – 27.

**All**    **Glory to you O Lord**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All**    **Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

*Hymn: Mary did you know?*

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**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**

## Intercessions ending with the Lord's Prayer

**All**    **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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.**

Loving God accept the cries of our hearts as we offer you prayers; through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all. We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus.

**All**    **Amen**

## Peace

Praise God who loves us

**All Praise God who cares**

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

**All And also with you**

## Closing prayer and sending out

Through the love of earthly mothers and carers you give us a glimpse of your everlasting love. Their guidance and wisdom reveal to us the eternal life of heaven

**All Thanks be to God**

In following their example we become more like you, growing into the people your heart longs for us to be

**All Thanks be to God**

May the love of those who care for us draw us ever nearer to you and perfect us in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

Heavenly Father you entrusted your son Jesus Christ to the care of Mary His earthly mother. Bless all mothers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Support them in the work that they do, protecting those who look to them as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

**All Amen**

## Blessing

The Lord God Almighty is our Father

**All He loves us and tenderly cares for us**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour

**All He has redeemed us and will defend us to the end**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us

**All He will lead us in God's Holy Way**

To God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be praise and glory and may His blessing be upon you and all those you love, today and forever more.

**All Amen**

## Hymn: O the deep love of Jesus