

March 14th 2021 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

'SLOWING' (Ruthless Elimination of Hurry)

Gathering

Words from IB

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

All: Amen

HYMN: Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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If we were in church, we would at this point in the service lay another symbol from the story of Easter at the foot of the cross. Today we (in our imaginations) bring the crown of thorns

and the purple robe to the cross; a reminder to us that Christ experienced and shared in the injustice and suffering of the world.

Lord Jesus you faced the torment of barbaric punishment and mocking tongue; be with those who cry in physical agony and in emotional distress. You endured unbearable abuse; be with those who face torture and mockery in our world today. To you Jesus, the King robed in purple and crowned with thorns, be honour and glory now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;

the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect:

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

.All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Readings – read by John Bradley

Psalm 86 vs 1-13
This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mark 1 vs 29-39
This is the Gospel of Christ
All: Praise be to you O Christ

Sermon – Rev Jenny Tebboth

HYMN: Fathers and Mothers

Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
 all those who love us,
 for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
 Jesus our Saviour,
 this is our prayer.

And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
 children who hunger,
 they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
 one with another
 our daily bread.

Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
 we who together
 offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
 may we walk with you
 all of our days.

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Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

All Holy, holy, holy
 is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All for by his will they were created
 and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession Led by Garry Walton
The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Family News – Mothering Sunday

Interview – The Community Fridge proposal with Louise Chamberlain

The Peace

Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

All and also with you.

Do wish people 'peace' in person by 'phone after this service

Spiritual communion

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Mat. 11:28-30

Music: There is a hope by Stuart Townend performed by Chris Weaver and friends

God of compassion, you came into the world to share our life. In the person of Jesus Christ, you walked with us and gave your life for our salvation. May we, who have made spiritual communion with you, know our wounds to be healed, our souls strengthened, and our lives transformed by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: I will sing the wondrous story

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then at last He'll bring me over
Saved by grace and...

Francis Harold Rowley

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Music to go out by: For the beauty of the earth (recorded by Cathy and Peter Langdale and sung at the funeral service for Jill Dean on March 2)

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