



# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

22 MARCH 2020 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Message from Revd Frances

Please join me for our Mothering Sunday Service at 10.30am on Sunday (or at another convenient time) by following the Order of Service and singing in your own home.

I will be thinking of you all and praying for you in Church at the same time and longing for our future reunion.

If you would like to watch a recorded service as well (hopefully after our Mothering Sunday service!) this will be on Trinity Church website from about 10.30am on Sunday and will be led by the Revd Dave Dickinson

<https://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk>

God bless,

*Frances*

The flower display in church is a gift to us from the Flower Arranging Class at Sutton College who were in the church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March to learn how to arrange church flowers in our lovely nave. Thank you to Audrey Cooper and the team!



**All Age Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton**  
**for Mothering Sunday at 10.30am on 22 March 2020**

led by Revd Frances Arnold, Priest-in-Charge

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Opening Hymn** Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

### **Greeting**

*The priest says*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome*

Dear brothers and sisters, I am sorry not to be with you in person this morning, but please know that I am singing and praying with you in Church this morning and longing for our reunion here when that becomes possible.

### **We prepare to worship**

**All Almighty God**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **We say we are sorry**

*A minister says*

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Please sit or kneel to pray*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **We are forgiven**

*The priest says*

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Collect** (prayer of the week) for Mothering Sunday

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.

*The Collect is said, and all respond*

**All Amen.**

## **LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

*Please sit*

### **Reading from the Bible** Exodus 2.1-10

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Hymn** Jesus, good above all other

## **Gospel Reading** John 19.25b-27

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Talk**

*Please sit*

## **Creed** (Statement of Belief)

*The priest says*

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

*Please stand*

**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.**

**Song**      Give me joy in my heart

## **Praying for ourselves and others**

*The priest says*

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

*Please kneel or sit.*

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

*At the end we say*

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

## **Sharing God's Peace**

*The priest says*

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

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

*Let us pray*

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.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks  
for all your goodness and loving kindness.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with  
us all evermore. **Amen.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless *us*:  
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless *us*:  
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless *us*.  
May almighty God bless *us*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

# All Age Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton

## for Mothering Sunday on 22 March 2020

### Readings, talk and intercessions

#### Exodus 2.1-10

<sup>2</sup>Now 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.'

#### John 19.25b-27

<sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Talk

We have two lovely readings today, which are examples of the ways in which we can show love, through our mothers and through others as well.

Think about what kind of person is a mummy? Who are the other people who show us this kind of love?

Being a mum is not always easy. In our reading from John's gospel, Mary is an example of God's patient, waiting love.

In the story of Moses, there were midwives. What did the midwives do for Moses? There was Moses' sister. What did Moses' sister do for him?

There was Moses' mother. What did she do for Moses?

There were also all the other members of Moses' family. What did they do for Moses?

The kind of love shown by Mary and by those close to baby Moses is an echo of God's love for all of us. He helped to preserve Moses when Pharaoh ordered all newborn Hebrew boys to be killed. We can see signs of God working among us in our present time of need.

God takes care of us, meets our needs, helps us when we make a mess, holds us when we hurt, and loves us come what may. God is like a mother.

Today is a time to give thanks for the love we receive, to remember God's love for us all and to think about how we might show that love to others. **Amen.**

## Praying for ourselves and others

*The priest says*

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

*Please kneel or sit.*

Lord in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

For our prayers:

**St Nicholas & St Luke, Deptford** Louise Codrington-Marshall (V); Kay Ingledew (SPA); Jennifer Morgan (SPA)

**International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

**Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island**

Our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe; the people of the Holy Land (L'Arche community in Bethlehem); and the Kaduna Centre in Nigeria.

The nations of the world...

All affected by coronavirus through illness, isolation or anxiety

Those who are guiding our nation at this time and shaping national policies

Doctors, nurses and medical researchers  
The vulnerable and fearful and the gravely ill and dying

Loving God,  
source of healing and comfort,  
fill us with your grace,  
that the sick may be made whole,  
that those who care for us may be strengthened,  
that the anxious may be calmed,  
and those most vulnerable be protected  
in the power of Spirit  
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (Dean of Southwark)

Our community in Sutton, the churches of the Local Ecumenical Partnership and Sutton Team Ministry, Sutton Community Works

Teachers and schoolchildren, especially Year 13's

Those known to us who need prayer

The departed: **Phyllis Taylor, Revd Martin Goodlad, John Canty**

*At the end we say*

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