



**ALL SAINTS  
KINGSTON**

**Mothering Sunday  
9.30 Family Service  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## Processional Hymn

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God,  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The One eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## The Greeting

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

*Five candles will be lit on the altar*

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like  
a light in our darkness.  
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We light this candle for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We light this candle for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

We light this candle for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

We light this candle for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All **Blessed be God for ever**

## **The Confession**

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.

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 you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**Kyrie**      *Missa orbis factor*, sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

## **The Collect**

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.**

## **First 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. 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.

This is the word of the Lord  
All    **Thanks be to God**

## Junior Choir Anthem – Lindley Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus  
tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,  
Jesus [Christus].  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is  
with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus [Christ].  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## Gospel Reading      John 19.25-27

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**All    Glory to you, O Lord**

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 Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.  
**All    We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family in heaven and 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

As children of a loving God, who always listens to our cries,  
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

*The following chant is sung between each prayer*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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.

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.

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 marginalised, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

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.

Loving God, accept the cries of our heart 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.**

## The 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.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden –  
He made them every one;

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day;

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

## Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
The glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## 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.**

It is right to praise you, Father; Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and 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.

All **Father we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All    Father we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All    As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Sanctus**            Stanford *in C & F*, sung by the choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Amen

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive a blessing or the bread  
and wine.*

**Agnus Dei**      Stanford *in C & F*, sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
Grant us thy peace

**Communion Motet**      Elgar *Ave Maria*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus  
tecum;  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,  
Jesus [Christus].

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is  
with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus [Christ].

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## Prayer for Mothers and the distribution of flowers

*Children lead the following responsory*

For the care of mothers;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested;

All **Thanks be to God.**

For their love when tired;

All   **Thanks be to God.**  
      For their hope when despairing;  
All   **Thanks be to God.**  
      For their service without limit;  
All   **Thanks be to God.**

*The daffodils are then distributed, during which the choir sing:*

**Choir Anthem** Rutter *For the beauty of the earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony,  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of  
heaven.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

*At the end of the distribution of flowers we conclude with all saying:*

**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.**

**Banns of Marriage and Notices**

## Hymn

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 Savior 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 the 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 forevermore!

## The 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;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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