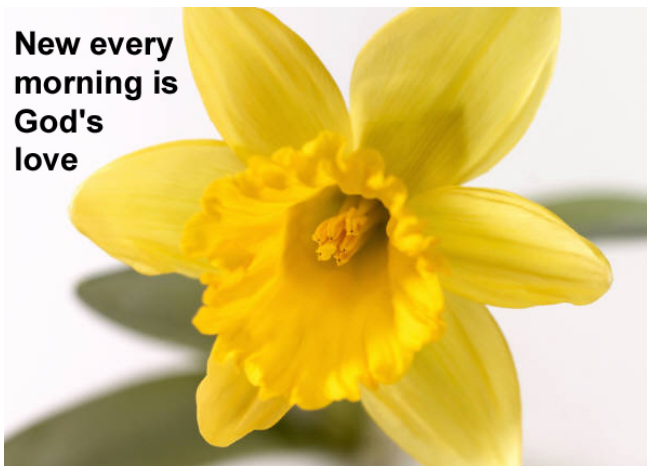


New every
morning is
God's
love



Mothering Sunday Family Service

Opening Scripture

As a mother comforts a child so will
I comfort you, says the Lord.
Isaiah 66.13

Welcome

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

Morning has broken 635

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.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

All Amen

All Blessed is the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer

All Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God

Offering

Thank you to those who have presented their gifts by standing order, through the bank. If you are a tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes to enable us to reclaim tax. All stand as the Offering is brought forward.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

**The children and young people make
a special contribution to our service**

Hymn

Give thanks *(On page 8 Partnership News)*

Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank God for giving us others to share in our lives:
For parents, and the love which brought us to birth:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For fathers who have loved and supported us,
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For children and their parents:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For other relatives and friends, who have been with us
in our hopes and joys and times of sadness:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us
into the family of our Father in heaven:
We praise you, O Lord;
and bring you thanks today.
Help us to live as those who belong to one another,
and to you, our Father, now and always. Amen.



The Ministry of The Word

Collect Prayer

Bible Readings

*These may be followed in the Bible Notes
on Partnership News*

After each reading the reader will say

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness 552

*Thank you to everybody who has helped prepare flowers, or assisted with our worship
and preparing the churches for this special service for Mothering Sunday*

Sermon

The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Hymn

Be thou my vision 378

Prayers

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

Prayer and Distribution Of Flowers

O God bless these flowers, bless us and bless our mothers. May these flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us; may they remind our mothers that we love them; and may they remind us all that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children.
Amen.

Hymn

All praise to our redeeming Lord 753

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit, strengthen us for the Christian life. May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care, 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. **Amen.**