Help us to work together for that day when the whole of humanity is united as one family in your church. **Amen.** <u>Blessing</u>

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life. May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, 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.**

HYMN 354 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD (giving out of posies)



<u>Welcome</u>

HYMN 321 LOVE DIVINE (Blaenwern)

Video

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

we praise and thank you as we celebrate Mothering Sunday; a chance to express thankfulness and joy as we remember our own mothers or carers, who have, or still are, serving their families.

We also remember and pray for those for whom today will be difficult and sad.

We ask that your unfailing love will surround them and that they will feel your presence in their lives.

Amen

Confession & Absolution

We have failed to nurture the needy, **Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted. **Christ, have mercy.**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us. Lord, have mercy.

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. **Amen.**

HYMN HIS MERCY IS MORE

Reading (Karen Adamson) Mark 12:28-44

Monologue

<u>Talk</u>

HYMN 4 A NEW COMMANDMENT

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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.

HYMN - 467 TELL OUT MY SOUL (Collection during this hymn)

Closing Prayer

God of Grace and compassion, your son, Jesus Christ was part of a family in Nazareth. He knew the love of a mother and of a father, and by dying on the cross, brought us all together as new family.

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