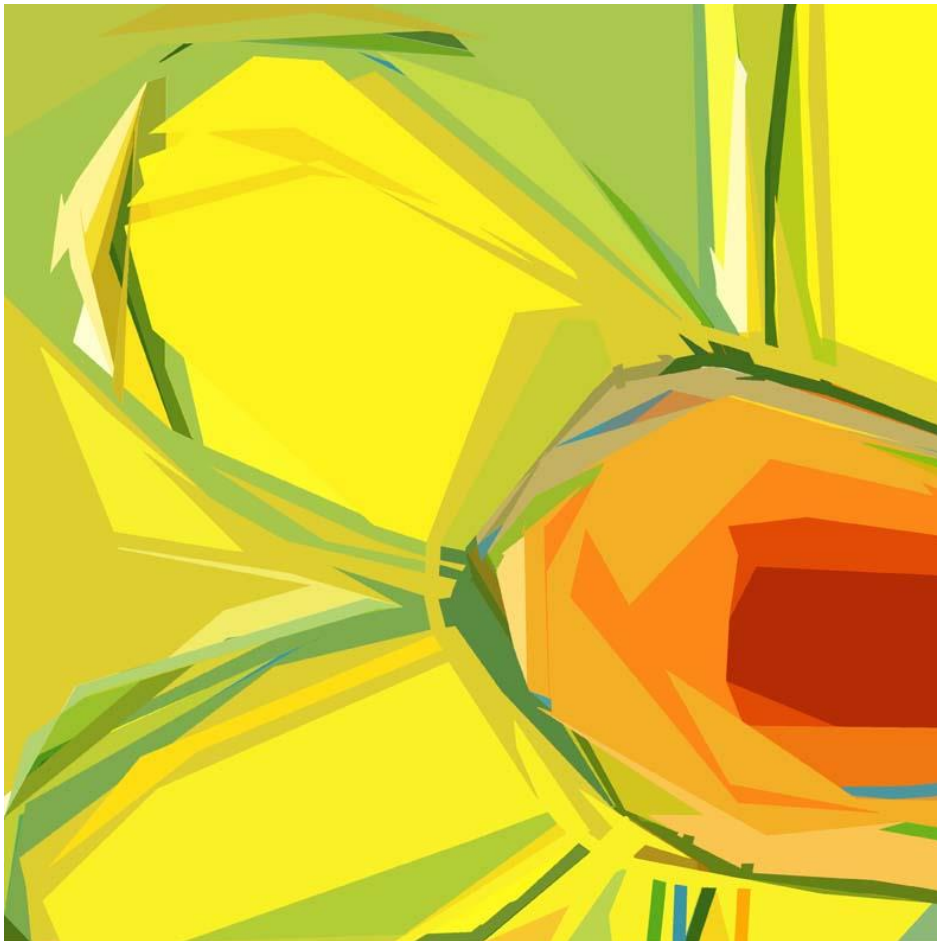


Mothering Sunday



Family Communion

OPENING HYMN

The Greeting

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Confession

sit or kneel

We are now going to say sorry to God for the things of which we are ashamed – things which have hurt him and which have hurt others.

Heavenly Father, parent of us all,
we know we don't always treat each other
as you want us to.

Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.

There are times when we insist on getting our own way
despite what others feel.

Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.

Sometimes we say things which hurt one another
when we ought to seek peace.

Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.

God has loved us,
sending his Son Jesus to show us the true meaning of forgiveness

Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.

Amen.

The Lord your God is gracious; he surrounds you with his love, gives
light to your eyes and freedom from your sins;
God has not deserted you – he shows you kindness and grants you
new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

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A Prayer

The reading

The talk

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Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.** Cf Ephesians 3



Intercessions

sit or kneel

Now is the time when we pray together for the needs of others
and our own needs.

The Peace

stand

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: And also with you



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The gifts are gathered and presented

All things come from you, O Lord
And of your own do we give you

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

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

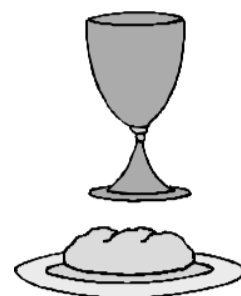
In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**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;

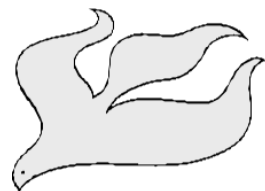
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**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.

**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.

**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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



The Lord's Prayer

sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us so we 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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God is here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Giving of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayers after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

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The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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