

# **THE UNITED BENEFICE OF DARTMOUTH AND DITTISHAM**

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## **MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SUNG EUCHARIST**

St Saviour's Church

11th March 2018

# WELCOME TO ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH IN THE UNITED BENEFICE OF DARTMOUTH AND DITTISHAM

In this service we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ –and the giving of himself to us today in the forms of bread and wine, which are for us his body and blood.

In the Roman religion the Hilaria festival was held in mid March in honour of the mother goddess Cybele. As Europe converted to Christianity, this celebration became part of the church calendar as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, to honour the Virgin Mary and the "mother church". (Laetare means 'be joyful'.) During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Laetare, or refreshment Sunday. This was either a large local church, or the nearest cathedral. Those who did this were said to have gone "a-mothering". In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. Later still, this became a day for children working as domestic servants or apprentices to have a day off to visit their mothers and families.

## About this Eucharist

The hymn numbers are displayed on the boards around the church, and in this order of service.

All are very welcome to stay behind after this Eucharist for refreshments .

The toilet, which has full access and facilities for the disabled, is located under the tower on the right hand side.

People of all ages are very welcome at this and any of our services. There is a children's corner at St Saviour's. Please feel free to move around with them during the service if they indicate that they need a change of scene.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Dr Andrew Langley, appointed as Assistant Curate to the Benefice, and his family.

**The sick:** Margaret and Frank Wetenhall; Patricia Camp; George Andrews; Eileen Hobson; Stephanie; Barry; Doreen Renbold; Margaret Jackson; John; Simon Atwell; Jane Snodgrass; Sandra Chase; Vickie; Michelle; David Wright; Carol; Anne Hinsley.

**The recently departed:** Barbara Castle; Dennis Cullinane; Bob Hamilton; Gary Hoare; David Hyne; Andrew Roy; Jean Martin; Janet Godfrey; Walter Keenan.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Beryl Smith; Vincent Flanagan; Michael Coppack.

**The Worldwide Church:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

# THE ORDER OF THE EUCHARIST

**Opening Hymn 448** Sing we of the blessed Mother

## THE GATHERING

In the name + of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*The celebrant greets us in the name of Christ*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

## Kyrie

*Israeli Folk Melody adapted by Anthony Hamson*

Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy on us  
all. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy.  
Lord, — have mer - cy on us all.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us all.  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us all.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us all.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us all.

## **Absolution**

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**

## **Opening Prayer**

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 our joys and in our sorrows we may know your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All     Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (2.1-10)**

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

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. 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. 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?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 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. 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **A READING FROM St PAUL'S LETTER TO THE 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

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 136:** For Mary, mother of our Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**, *(all)*

Choir verse

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (19:25-27)

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Standing by 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 near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory**

**SERMON**

## THE NICENE CREED

*We stand to affirm together the faith of the Church*

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

For all mothers and Fathers

**All: Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the security of homes and family life,

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the joy of all loving human relationships

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your holy Church, the mother of us all,

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your family in this place, and our life together,

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the members of our families who have died,

And now find their home in you,

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer.**

For Mary the Mother of Jesus,

And for all who seek to follow her example of motherhood,

**All: Lord receive our thanks and prayer. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We stand and the celebrant introduces the Peace, and then says:*

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.

*We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**Hymn 467:** Tell out, my soul

*The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, and a collection is taken.*

### Invitation to Prayer

*We remain standing as the celebrant invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist.*

Pray my brothers and sisters that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*We remain standing for the opening of the prayer*

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant says or sings the preface of the prayer, which praises God for his mighty acts. At the end of which we sing*

**All Holy, holy, holy, holy  
Lord of power, Lord of might,  
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy  
he who comes from God on high.  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore**

*The celebrant now recalls the Last Supper and calls the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ, whose presence we honour with bells and sometimes with incense.*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**All Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*As the Eucharistic Prayer continues we recall the death and resurrection of Christ, and offer our prayer to the Father.*

*As the prayer reaches its conclusion we give our bold acclamation*  
**All Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer with these or other suitable words*

As God's children, and heirs with Christ  
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father.



**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.**

### **BREAKING OF BREAD**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and says*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**All** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Agnus Dei**

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.  
Give us mercy, Give us mercy, give us mercy, Lamb of God.  
*(repeat)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.  
Grant us peace, Lord, grant us peace, Lord, grant us peace,  
O Lamb of God.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*The celebrant and people receive Holy Communion.*

*As the host or chalice is given the minister says*

*The body of Christ*

*The blood of Christ*

*To which we say **Amen** before we receive.*

*Communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to receive communion here. Non communicants are warmly invited to the altar for a blessing – please indicate this by bringing this pew slip with you and bowing your head.*

*We remain seated to sing the Communion hymn as part of our devotions.*

**Hymn: 289:** Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah

*During the distribution the choir will sing an anthem*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*We kneel as the celebrant introduces the prayer with the words 'Let us pray.'*

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
You feed us with in this sacrament  
With the food and drink of eternal life  
Help us who have tasted your goodness  
To grow in grace within the household of faith;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Banns of Marriage are read and notices relating to the life of the parish are given now*

### **Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers**

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.**

### **Blessing of Posies.**

Lord Jesus, who came to share our life here on earth and made your home among us at Nazareth: we thank you for our homes and families, and especially today for our mothers and for all that they mean to us. Bless them, O Lord, and bless these flowers as well as our homes; and help us to find our true happiness in loving and serving one another for your sake, our Master and our Friend. **Amen.**

***Posies of flowers will be given out, while we sing***

**Hymn 568:** Ye who own the faith of Jesus

***At the end of the distribution of flowers we all say this prayer.  
Everyone sits except mothers, who are asked to remain standing.***

**All** 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.**

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**All** and also with you.

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.

**All** **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Thoughts on the Readings**

*First Reading (Exod .1:22-2 :10). The story of the birth of Moses and how he came to be brought up in the court of Pharaoh.*

*Second Reading (Col. 3 :12-17). Every Christian family should be a living witness to the power of Christ's love to unite men and women in mutual love and respect, to enrich human lives and allow men and women and children to grow together in the presence of their loving Father.*

*Gospel (Jn 19:25-27). John relays to us the worst horror of any mother, to see her son die. That Son even in agony shows his love for his mother. Mary faithfully endures the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce her heart too.*

## This evening at St Clement's at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

18 March 2018

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH**

11.00am Sung Eucharist

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH**

8.00am Said Eucharist

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

**ST PETROX CHURCH**

No service today

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DITTISHAM**

9.15am Sung Eucharist

**Readings at the Sung Eucharist 18 March:**

*Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33*

Midday Prayer is said daily

(Mon - Thur) in St Saviour's Church

### Services this week

**Monday 12 March**

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

**Tuesday 13 March**

9.00am Morning Prayer – St George's

9.30am Said Eucharist – St George's

6.30pm Said Eucharist (Walsingham Cell) –  
St Clement's

7.30pm Lent Course – St Clement's

**Wednesday 14 March**

9.00am Morning Prayer – St Saviour's

10.00am Said Eucharist - St Saviour's

**Thursday 15 March**

8.45 Morning Prayer – St Clement's

9.30am Said Eucharist - St Clement's

**Friday 16 March**

11.30am Prayers for Peace - St Saviour's

**Saturday 17 March**

10.30-11.30am Parish Surgery - St Saviour's

## Holy Week and Easter Services 2018

**Passion (Palm) Sunday 25th March**

8.00am Said Eucharist - St Clement's

11.00am Sung Eucharist & procession of palms - St Saviour's

9.15am Sung Eucharist & procession of palms - St George's

6.30pm Stations of the Cross - St Clement's

**Monday 26th March**

7.30pm Eucharist and Short address - St Saviour's

**Tuesday 27th March**

7.30pm Eucharist and Short address - St Saviour's

**Wednesday 28th March**

10.00am Eucharist - St Saviour's

7.30pm Eucharist and Short address - St Saviour's

**Thursday 29th March**

9.30am Morning Prayer - St Clement's

**Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm Sung Eucharist & vigil till midnight - St Clement's

**Good Friday 30th March**

10.00-12noon Children's Good Friday workshop - St Clement's

2.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St Saviour's

6.00pm Service of Contemplation - St George's

6.30pm Come and Sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion' - St Petrox

**Easter Day Sunday 1st April**

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns (BCP) - St Petrox

11.00am Sung Family Eucharist - St Saviour's

6.30pm Evensong - St Petrox

**All are welcome at our services.**

**Come and celebrate the risen Christ with us.**

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