

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

# Mothering Sunday All Age Parade Service

10am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



**Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness** *(The colours process as we sing)*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Call to worship

From different lives

**we come to worship.**

From good weeks and bad weeks

**we come to worship.**

Bringing great times and painful memories

**we come to worship.**

Needing healing, needing peace

**we come to worship.**

With hope in our hearts

**we come to worship.**

To the Almighty God

**we come to worship.**

To the King of Kings

**we come to worship.**

Together

**we come to worship.**



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## Sentence from Scripture

Unless the Lord build the house those who build it labour in vain.

(Psalm 127 v1)

## Introduction to the theme

### Collect *(Prayer for the Day)*

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Confession** *(Saying sorry to God for ways we have failed to follow him)*

*The response is:*

Lord have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy.**



## **The Absolution** *(the assurance of God's forgiveness)*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Make me a channel of your peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all men that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **Bible Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17**

<sup>12</sup> God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> Even more than all this, clothe yourself in love. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body<sup>[a]</sup> to have peace. Always be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> Everything you do or say should be done to obey Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Talk**



**Hymn: All our blessings** (*The posies are distributed*)  
(*tune: All things bright and beautiful*)

*All our blessings, all our joys  
With thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
Accept the praise we bring.*

For parents and for children,  
For partners and for friends,  
For those whose care enfolds us  
With love that never ends. *All our blessings...*

For fellowship and friendship  
For all we have to give,  
For those who've shared our journey  
And taught us how to live. *All our blessings...*

For all who've shared our sorrow,  
Walked with us in our pain,  
Who've held our hand through darkness  
And showed us light again. *All our blessings...*

In sacrifice and service  
Your love is clearly shown,  
Your outstretched arms embrace us  
to bring us safely home. *All our blessings...*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe and trust in God the Father,  
**who made all things.**

We believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
**who redeemed the world.**

We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
**who gives life to the people of God.**

This is the faith of the church

**This is our faith**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

Loving God, thank you that you always listen to our prayers and you call us to be your children. Help us to show your love in our homes.

May they be places of love, care, security and truth.

God of love,

**All hear our prayer.**

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 with stress, be with all who are in pain today, and may your love be known in our community and world.

God of love,

**All hear our prayer.**

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

God of love,

**All hear our prayer.**

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; for peace where there is conflict, May your love may bring wholeness to all creation.

God of love,

**All hear our 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.**

## **Blessing**

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: One more step along the world I go**

*(the colours are returned and we process to the back of the church)*

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.



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