

**The Staughtons with Hail Weston**

**A Service for Mothering Sunday**

¶**Preparation**

*Hymn*

*Greeting*

Praise God who loves us.  
***All* Praise God who cares.**

*Praising and thanking God*

***[A large candle may be lit.***

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.  
***All* Blessed be God for ever.**]

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

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.  
***All* 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.  
***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

*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.

***Silence for reflection***

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.  
We fail to live as your children.  
Lord have mercy.  
***All* Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy.  
***All* Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.  
***Al l*Lord have mercy.**

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**.

*The Collect*

Praise God who loves us.  
***All* Praise God who cares.**

***The president says the Collect, the prayer of the day.***

*Reading(s)*

***After each reading this response may be used***

This is the word of the Lord.  
***All* Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn*

*Talk*

*Anthem*

Praise God who loves us.  
***All* Praise God who cares.**

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith in God.

***All*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.**

*Prayers*

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,  
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

***After each section this response may be used***

God of love,  
***All* hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

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 under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

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.

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; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

Loving God, accept the cries of our heart as we offer you prayers;  
through them transform us and all creation until you are in all and through all.  
We ask these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus.  
***All* Amen.**

*The Peace*

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.**

***Hymn***

**Preparation of the Table  
  
Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

The Lord be with you

*All*   **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All*   **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*   **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good

To give you thanks and praise,

Almighty God and everlasting Father,

Through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days

You lead us into the desert of repentance and discipline

May we grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service

You bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word

You open our eyes to your presence in the world

And free our hands to welcome others

Into the radiant splendour of your love

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast

With joyful hearts and minds

We bless you for your mercy

And join with saints and angels

For ever praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord:

And as we obey his command,

Send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured

May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with hie friends

And, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.*

*Do this in remembrance of me.*

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.

Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said:

*Drink this, all of you.*

*This is my blood of the new covenant,*

*Which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

Made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

We proclaim his death and resurrection

Until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord

*All*   **Lord, by your cross and** **resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the** **world.**

Lord of all life,

Help us to work together for that day

When your kingdom comes

And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

Gather us in your loving arms

And bring us with Nicolas, Andrew, ….. and all the saints

To feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ , and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

For ever and ever.

**Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

*All*   **Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

*All*   **Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.



*Prayer for Mothers and Distribution of Flowers*

Praise God who loves us.  
***All* Praise God who cares.**

***Children may lead the following responsory***

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.**

***Hymns or songs of praise may be sung during the distribution of flowers to the congregation.***

***At the end of the distribution of flowers we all say this prayer.***

***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*

Praise God who loves us.  
***All*Praise God who cares.**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless *you*   
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless *you*   
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless *you*   
May almighty God bless *us*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
***All* Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

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