

A very warm welcome to this Eucharist Service.

St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton

**Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist
15th March 2026**

Processional Hymn

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angels' word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed,
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And, in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heav'nly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joys of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heav'nly home:
Virgin mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see, and
serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Invitation to Confession

Let us bring before God the things we are sorry
for. Our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor
and the ways in which we have wasted the
resources of the world.

Confession

We have not always worshipped God, our
creator. Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

We have not always followed Christ,
our Saviour. Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our
guide. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy

The president says

May the God of love and power forgive and free
you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by
his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

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.**

**The Liturgy of the Word
First Reading**

Exodus 2.1–10

Now 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 Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?

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

Pharaohs 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 Pharaohs 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.

Gradual Hymn

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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 2.33–35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.
Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of

many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too".

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed

**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.**

(Please kneel or sit for)

The Prayers

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

- (15) George Huffer, Albert Perry (05)
Edith Davidson (03) Brenda Farmer (16)
Arthur Spikins (20)
- (16) Mary Kessack, Dorothy Coombs (01)
Dorothy Kerlake (04) David Dunk (07)
- (17) Fredrick Batlett, Lesley Killick (16)
- (18) Alan Chapman (37) Samuel Taylor (04)
Ena Horton (08) Paul Barrowclough (12)
- (19) Elizabeth Stubbs (01) Ronald Harbard (05)
Stella Blackwell (08), Grace Harris (10),
Rosemary Styles (23)
- (20) Catherine Farlie (91)
- (21) Tom Salmons

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

(Please stand)

The Peace

"God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them."

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

Let us show one another a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord,
Bind us together with love.***

There is only one God,
There is only one King,
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord,
Bind us together with love.***

Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by his precious Blood,
Born with the right to be free;
Jesus the vict'ry has won.

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord,
Bind us together with love.***

We are the fam'ly of God,
We are his promise divine,
We are his chosen desire,
We are the glorious new wine.

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord,
Bind us together with love.***

Prayer over the Offerings

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic 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

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us moon and starlit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes our heart our minds.

You made us all each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r,
Lord God of might
Lord God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
In the highest.**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed,
blessed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the Lord's own name.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
In the highest
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,**

(please kneel or sit)

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to life. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and blood.

On the night before he died when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying: This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks shared it with his friends, saying: This is my blood poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

So father with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our saviour.

Help us Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St Augustine and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the spirit today and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us we are bold to say:

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread)

We break this bread to share in the body of
Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Lamb of God

**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

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

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

**The Sanctuary bell is rung and the Priest
takes communion followed by the
congregation.**

Communion:

*All are welcomed to receive Communion or a
Blessing as guided by the Sidespersons.*

Communion Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

2nd Communion Hymn

Peace perfect peace Is the gift of Christ our Lord
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Thus, says the Lord, Will the world know my
friends,
Peace perfect peace, Is the gift of Christ our
Lord.

Love, perfect love, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Love perfect love, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, Will the world know my
friends.
Love, perfect love, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, Will the world know my
friends.
Faith perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord

Hope, perfect hope, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Hope, perfect hope, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, Will the world know my
friends,
Hope, perfect hope, Is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Joy perfect joy is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Joy, perfect joy is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my
friends,
Joy perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

(Please remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at her breast, you feed us 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.
Amen

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Voluntary exit

We say together

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

NOTICES

(Please stand)

The Blessing

The God of love, passionate and strong, faithful and tender, watch over you and keep you safe all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Daffodils are distributed during the final hymn.

Recessional Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.