

Eglwys Sant Asa  
Llanelwy  
Saint Asaph  
Parish Church



# All-Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday



The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Hymn

He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother in his hands ...

He's Got you and me, sister, in his hands ...

He's got everybody here in his hands .....

He's got the whole wide world in his hands.....

*African-American Traditional Song*

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The Priest offers words of welcome, introduces the Eucharist*

We remember all the things we have done wrong – things that upset others, things which disappoint God. But we do it knowing that we are completely and utterly loved by the Lord and that we receive his forgiveness when we say 'sorry'.

*A short silence is kept*

God our father, you know all about us.  
You watched us being formed inside our mothers.  
Forgive us for the times when we have  
envied others and wanted to be different  
from how you have made us.  
Nothing is hidden from you.  
**Father God, forgive us.**

God our father, you notice everything we do.  
As parents we have sometimes tried to  
force our children to be what we want them  
to be, and not allowed them to develop in  
the unique way you have planned.  
Nothing is hidden from you.

**Father God, forgive us.**

God our Father, we praise you for the  
wonderful way you created us.  
Help us to celebrate the fact that you  
know and love each one of us, as we are.  
We know that nothing is hidden from you.

**Father God, forgive us.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray:

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 joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please Sit*

## Colossians 3. 12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.

For the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Fathers and mothers,  
sisters and brothers,  
all those who love us,  
for whom we care:  
help and befriend them,  
keep and defend them,  
Jesus our Saviour,  
this is our prayer.

And for those others,  
fathers and mothers,  
children who hunger,  
they must be fed:  
we would be caring,  
readily sharing,  
one with another  
our daily bread.

Sisters and brothers,  
fathers and mothers,  
we who together  
offer our praise:  
hear our thanksgiving,  
God ever living,  
may we walk with you  
all of our days.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926*  
*Tune: Bunessan*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Talk**

*Please SIT*

## **We Affirm our Faith**

*Please STAND*

**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.**

## The Prayers

*Please SIT*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

### *At the end*

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

## The Peace

*Please STAND*

Blessed are those who make peace; they shall be called God's children.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## Hymn

Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angel's 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 joy 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.

*George B. Timms 1910-1997*  
*Tune: Blaenwern*

## **We Give Thanks over Bread and Wine and share Communion**

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

# **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him 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.

When Jesus was a child  
you trusted him to the care of a human family.  
In Mary and Joseph you gave us  
an example of love and devotion to him,  
and also a pattern of family life.

So here on earth, with the angels and archangels  
and with everyone in heaven  
we praise your name and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
in your name.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



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 live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, 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, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory!**

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 all your saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***The priest breaks the bread***

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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.**

*You are welcome to come to the Lord's Table.*

*Those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive holy communion here today. (Children at the discretion of parents). If you wish just to receive a blessing, please take this leaflet with you when you go up to the altar.*

*The sacrament is administered with these words*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

### *At the end of communion we sing*

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King:  
mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*Words and Music: Darlene Zschech*

### *A short Silence is kept as we thank the Lord for meeting with him in Holy Communion*

## **The Post Communion**

*Please STAND*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the 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.**

## **We go out into God's World**

The Lord bless you and keep watch over you; the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look lovingly on you and give you peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

## **Final Hymn**

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.  
the heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly:  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.

*George Herbert 1593-1633  
Tune: Luckington*

***Mothers' Sunday Gifts will be given out at the back of the Church straight after the service.***

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## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-6pm at the Parish Church. Please note the new time!

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Food4Thought** is a lunch with a Christian message, which is part of our outreach and takes place on Thursdays at 12noon. All welcome!

**Easter Flowers.** Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

**Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)** is an initiative to support children in need and their families in our local Church

Schools. Further information or expressions of interest in this please speak to Fr. Rex.

**Mission Giving.** Thank you to all those who contributed to "Blood Bikes" this years Diocesan Offering. There will be a collection plate out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of March, April and May for the work of Christian Aid.

**Service of Prayer for Healing** Next Sunday there is to be a service of prayer for healing which will include the Church's ministry of healing: the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil. There will also be other prayer stations for contemplation. This is a lovely service and a good preparation for our commemoration of Holy Week and Celebration of Easter. The service is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at the Parish Church.

**Palm Sunday Procession** Following the success of last year's procession this will be taking place with a donkey to lead again beginning at St Mary's Cefn at 1.45pm. A light lunch of soup, sandwiches & cakes will be available in the Neuadd Owen Village Hall, Cefn Meiriadog, from 12 noon If you would like to join us please tel. 01745 540345 to book or e-mail:  
[clarevickers2@btinternet.com](mailto:clarevickers2@btinternet.com)

## The Week Ahead

### 11<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

## **12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10am LYCiG Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist & Lent Meditation

*at the Cathedral*

## **13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the*

*Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

## **14<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

## **15<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the*

*Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong

## **16<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the*

*Parish Church*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's*

*Cefn*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm Service with Prayer for Healing

*at the Parish Church*

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## **Today's Readings**

### **1 Samuel 1. 20-28**

The Lord remembered Hannah's faithful petition with a gift of life, and she remembered the Lord through giving her son over to the Lord.

### **Psalm 127. 1-4**

### **Colossians 3. 12-17**

Relationships rooted in thankfulness to God reflect loving acts, patience, forgiveness and unity with one another.

### **John 19. 25-27**

From the cross, Jesus makes a new relationship between his mother and his friends.

