

Eglwys Sant Asa
Llanelwy
Saint Asaph
Parish Church



All-Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday



The 4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 30th March 2025

Hymn

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

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

1 Samuel 1. 20-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Bernadette Farrell b.1957

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

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

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might,
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word,
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell our, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley Smith 1926-2024

Mothering 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.

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.

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 6th April 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

The Cathedral Heritage Garden Group are looking to recruit volunteers to help maintain and nurture the garden. We meet on a Wednesday at 10am. No experience necessary- just enthusiasm and decent gardening gloves. We hope to see you soon.

Organ Recitals. The 2025 series gets under way on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm. The recital will be given by Graham Eccles. Retiring collection. Details of the rest of the series to follow.

Churchyard Work Party on Saturday April 5th, 9.30am – 11.30am. All help appreciated; refreshments provided.

Kentigern Guild. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd April at 2.30pm at the Parish Church. Canon Neil Burgess will be giving a Lent Talk. All welcome!

The Week Ahead

31st Monday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

1st Tuesday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Baby & Toddler Group *at the
Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

2nd Wednesday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

3rd Thursday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish
Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish
Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

4th Friday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

12noon Funeral *at the Parish Church*

6pm Choral Evensong

5th Saturday – Lent Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm North Wales Choral Union
Concert

6th Sunday – Lent 5 Passion Sunday

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm Service of 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.

