



The Parish of Wiverton in the Vale

4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Sunday 14 March 2021

Welcome

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Psalm 103:8

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

We meet in the name of God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith ...

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Receiving forgiveness

May Christ who came into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and his peace,
now and forever.

Amen

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

Song – The Servant Song

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

2 We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow trav'lers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

4 I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

5 When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

6 Brother sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too

Readings

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Talk – Reverend Clare le Marchant-Connell

Song – Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

*Chorus Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

2 Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

3 Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers

After each prayer:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour taught us, so 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

Song – Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost but now am found
 Was blind but now I see

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

- 3 Through many dangers toils and snares
 I have already come
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
 And grace will lead me home

- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years
 Bright shining as the sun
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun

Final prayers

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to us a contrite heart.

Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal us by his wounds.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to us words of pardon and peace.

Amen.

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore.

Amen.