

Sunday 26 March 2017

Mothering Sunday

**Processional Hymn**

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 Christlight 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.

*Words and Music: Richard Gillard (adapted) © 1977 Scripture in Song*

**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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 2. 1-10 (OT p.50)*

## **Psalm 127**

*The Lord shall keep watch over you*

**The Lord shall keep watch over you**

Unless the Lord / builds the / house,  
those who build it / labour. in / vain.

Unless the Lord / keeps the / city,  
the guard keeps / watch in / vain.

**The Lord shall keep watch over you**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest,

\* eating the / bread of / toil,

for he gives his be / lov-ed / sleep.

Children are a heritage / from the / Lord  
and the fruit of the womb / is his / gift.

**The Lord shall keep watch over you**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, \*so are the children / of one's / youth.

Happy are those who have their / quiver / full of them:

they shall not be / put to / shame

when they dispute with their enemies / in the / gate.

**The Lord shall keep watch over you**

## **New Testament Reading**

*Colossians 3. 12-17 (NT p.199)*

## **Gradual 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:  
pow'rs 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 out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, from Luke 1. 46 - 55 Music: WOODLANDS*

### **Gospel Reading** *Luke 2. 33-35 (NT p.56)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

1. For Mary, mother of our Lord,  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

2. The angel Gabriel brought the word  
She should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
made answer willingly.

3. The heav'nly call she thus obeyed,  
and so God's will was done;  
the second Eve love's answer made  
which our redemption won.

4. She gave her body for God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain,  
and knew the cost of love divine  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee,  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to ev'ry family.

6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

*Words: J.R. Peacey*

*Tune: SAINT BOTOLPH*

*During Communion the organist plays Sicilienne by Maria Theresia von Paradis, and the choir sings Ave Maria by Anton Bruckner.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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**

## Recessional Hymn.

1. 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 the child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.

2. 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.

*Words: G.B Timms*

3. 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.

4. 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.

*Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH*

## Organ Voluntary

*Fantasia in C minor BWV 562*

*J.S Bach*

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