

All 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.**

Priest Draw near with faith.
*Move forward at the direction of the wardens
to receive communion or a blessing.*

Choir For the beauty of the earth – Rutter

Sitting HYMN 494 **Lord of the home ...**

Going Out

All **Loving God,
as truly you are our father,
so just as truly you are our mother.
We thank you, God our Father
for your strength and goodness.
we thank you, God or Mother,
for the closeness of your caring.
O God, we thank you for the great
love you have for each one of us.
Amen**

Sit NOTICES

BLESSING OF FLOWERS

O God, bless these flowers.
May they remind us of the goodness of
mother earth providing a beautiful home
for all your family.
May they remind those who receive them
that they are loved,
and that you care for us all
with motherly tenderness.

All sing HYMN 104 **For the beauty ...**
during which flowers are distributed

BLESSING

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
and homes,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

All sing HYMN 205 **Now thank we all ...**

All Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING ORGAN MUSIC

*O Lamm Gottes unschuldig
(O Lamb of God, innocent) – Telemann*

please be aware of those remaining to listen

*Everyone is invited to the hall
where refreshments are served*



Welcome to the church of
Saint James the Greater
Leicester
6 March 2016



Mothering Sunday

Gathering

WELCOME

All sing HYMN 126 **The King of love ...**

WE ARE SORRY

Priest Like disobedient children,
we have done things to sadden
God's loving heart.
Let us tell God that we are sorry.

Kneel or sit

Priest As parents are tender towards their children,
so God is tender to those who trust.
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. [Lord, have mercy.]

All **Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

Lord, show us your mercy and Love.
Christe, Christe, eleison.
[Christ, have mercy.]

All **Christe, Christe, eleison.**

Be quiet and calm my soul,
like a child upon its mother's breast
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. [Lord, have mercy.]

All **Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

Priest As good parents love their children,
God delights to welcome back
those who have strayed.
Hear then the promise of Jesus:
your sins are forgiven.
Receive strength from God
to make a fresh start.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR TODAY

All **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.**

Sit

Word

From Saint John's Gospel, we hear of Jesus
saying he is the Good Shepherd 10.22 – 28)

Good Shepherding

OUR FAITH:

Let us tell out our faith.

All **We believe in God,
who like a Father with his children
loves us, calls to us,
and teaches us to walk.**

(Hosea chapter 11)

**We believe in Jesus,
who like a mother hen with her chicks,
longs to come close to us,
and gather us to himself.**

(Matthew chapter 23)

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who like a friend who knows us so well,
comes to our help, comforts us,
and fills us with new hope.**

(Acts chapter 9)

Kneel or sit

OUR PRAYERS

each ending with:

Father of all

All **Hear your children's prayer**

Stand PEACE

Priest May the peace of God rule in our hearts,
in our homes,
in our mother country,
and among the entire human family
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All sing HYMN 464 **God is here ...**

*during which bread and wine is presented,
and a collection is taken*

Communion

Priest The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with
you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat;

this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father,
we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you

for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father,
we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church
throughout the world we offer you this
sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join
the eternal song of heaven:

The Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy Lord ...

... Hosanna in the highest.

Rawsthorne

Kneel or sit

Priest With the whole family of God
throughout the world,
in faith and trust we pray:

All **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.**