

# St Swithun's, Hither Green Mothering Sunday Eucharist



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10am**

**Faith, Hope and Love**

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# **The Gathering**

## **The Greeting**

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

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

**And also with you**

*Mother Juliet says some words of welcome*

## **Saying sorry**

When we think only of ourselves  
and act selfishly rather than considering the needs of others  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

When we lose hope  
because we surround ourselves in fear instead of faith  
Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

When we are short sighted and live by rumours too readily  
instead of considering the bigger picture  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

## **We are forgiven**

God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.  
Be at peace. **Amen.**

## **The 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**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Gospel Reading *John 3: 14-21*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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



**Sermon** *Izzy Warren*

## Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, Creator, Mother and Father of us all,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with love.  
We believe in God, Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

# Prayers

*Please join in with the actions as the song is sung for us...*

*We pray for all those in our world who are suffering...*

She's got the whole world in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.

*We pray for friends and family and all those who need our prayers ...  
Fran and family, Claudia, Laurenda, Louisa and Lily, Lamar, Maureen,  
Karen, Paulette and their families, Catherine and Alfrina and family,  
Betty, Canon Richard, Martin, Rossy and family, Kevin, Gwen, Pamela,  
Neil, Debbie, Elaine and family, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Diane,  
Harold, Ivy, Sean, Taneisha, Talabi, Susan, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena  
and Stephen.*

She's got sister and brother in her hands.  
She's got sister and brother in her hands.  
She's got sister and brother in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.

*We pray for ourselves and our needs...*

She's got the little tiny baby in her hands.  
She's got the little tiny baby in her hands.  
She's got the little tiny baby in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.



*We pray for our church family – for those who are at home worshipping  
with us in Spirit and those who are no longer with us remembering  
especially Carl, Emmanuel, Gloria, Alan and those who have been  
taken from us...*

She's got everybody here in her hands.  
She's got everybody here in her hands.  
She's got everybody here in her hands.  
She's got the whole world in her hands.

Mother God:

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

God has called us to live in peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us wave to one another the sign of peace*

## Prayer over the gifts

Loving God, accept the gifts we offer  
The gift of bread to sustain us on our journey  
The gift of wine to bring us joy  
The gift of ourselves and our resources to work for your glory  
**Amen**

## 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 thanks and praise.**

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.

**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.

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

**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, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Prayer Jesus taught us**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

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

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God.**

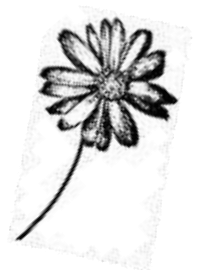
*Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move around the church. Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Thank you generous God.  
Thank you for teaching us with your word.  
Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.  
Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.  
May we share what we have been given with others.  
**Amen.**

## **Flowers**

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:  
Thank you God for their care and concern:  
Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us:  
Thank you God for the pains they have borne for us:  
Thank you God for all that they give us:  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## Notices

- Let Mother Juliet know if you want to volunteer for the hall party.
- Please give Mother Juliet any tributes and memories about Carl asap
- Holy Week and Easter Service dates and times will be distributed next Sunday – these will be streamlined so that we can maintain safety.
- APCM Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.00 am in church with distance and via Zoom - please send any reports to Mother Juliet asap
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

## Dismissal and Blessing

### The Blessing

Mother of infinite wisdom, Christ of infinite compassion,  
Holy Spirit, guarantee of change,  
bring us to our knees in prayer,  
bring us to our feet in action,  
that with you we may all inherit a new heaven and a new earth.  
And the blessing of God, Creator, Word and Spirit,  
be with you always.

**Amen.**

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love as you have been loved  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

