

All Saints' Braunston



# Mothering Sunday Service





## Welcome

Lord, direct our thoughts this day and lift up our hearts  
**To worship and serve you in Spirit and in truth.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

For the magnificence of the universe

**God of all, we praise you**

For the majesty of the earth

**God of all, we praise you**

For the talents you have given us

For all that we have achieved

**God of all, we praise you**

For your power within all things

**God of all, we praise you**

## Hymn

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)*

*Music: Bunessan, Gaelic folk melody, arr John Barnard (b 1948) (Ancient & Modern – 136)*

## Confession

Let us pray

Jesus says 'Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'.  
So, let us turn from the things we have done wrong  
and turn to him, saying together:

**Lord God we ask your forgiveness for turning away from you  
for our failure to listen and obey  
for our pride, selfishness and hardness of heart  
for busy lives which leave no room for you  
for our lack of love for those around us.  
Please shine your light into our hearts and minds  
so that we may follow your way and be faithful to you. Amen**

The Lord God be merciful to us and heal us  
The Lord turn his face towards us and deliver us  
The Lord save us in his unfailing love  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Reading – 1 Samuel 1.20-28**

## Presentation

### Hymn

*All our blessings, all our joys  
with thankful hearts we sing,  
true, compassionate, loving God  
accept the praise we bring.*

1. For parents and for children,  
for husbands, wives, and friends,  
for those whose care enfolds us  
with love that never ends.

2. For fellowship and friendship  
we both receive and give,  
for those who've shared our journey  
and taught us how to live.

3. For all who've shared our sorrow,  
walked with us in our pain,  
who've held our hand through darkness  
and showed us light again.

*Words: Revd Ally Barrett, Vicar of Buckden and the Offords, St Neots (b 1975)  
Music: All things bright and beautiful, W H Monk (1823-1889) © A M Barrett*

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ lived in a family in Nazareth:  
Grant that in our families on earth  
we may so learn to love and to live together  
that we may rejoice as one family in your heavenly home;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise God who loves us

**Praise God who cares**

For the care of mothers

**Thanks be to God**

For their patience when tested

**Thanks be to God**

For their love when tired

**Thanks be to God**

For their hope when despairing

**Thanks be to God**

For their devotion without limit

**Thank you God for our mothers**

**Thank you God for their care and concern for us**

**Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us**

**Thank you God for the pain they have born for us**

**Thank you God for all that they give us**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Heavenly Father we thank you for giving us others to share in our lives:

For fathers who have loved and supported us,

**We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today.**

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:

**We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today.**

For relatives and friends, who have been with us

in our hopes and joys and times of sadness:

**We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today.**

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus,

and have drawn us into the family of our Father in heaven:

**We praise you, O Lord; and bring you thanks today.**

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the time we have spent together this morning  
for the many ways in which you bless us  
for the many ways in which you guide and protect us  
for the love and fellowship we share.  
We pray for all who suffer or are in need.  
for the leaders of the world especially in Europe.  
for all who feel lost and alone with no one to turn to  
for all who are victims of violence and war,  
and the victims of religious extremism.

In a time of quiet let us remember those we know who need our prayers...

**Lord, in faith we commit them all to your love and care.**

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus taught us:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## Hymn

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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: based on Luke 1.46-55, Magnificat, The Song of Mary, *Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)*

*Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

© *Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*(Ancient & Modern – 394)*

## Mothering Sunday Blessing

Let us go from here rejoicing in the goodness of God  
May our families be touched by his hand of blessing  
May we hold out a helping hand as a sign of God's love to the world.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us and remain with us always. **Amen.**