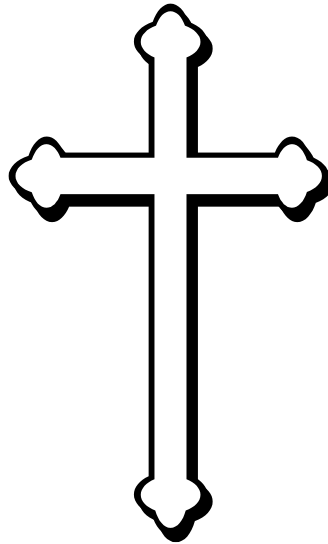


**The Minster Church of  
St. Thomas the Apostle and  
St. Thomas of Canterbury,  
Newport**



**The Minster Family  
Communion for Mothering  
Sunday**

## ***Welcome to Newport Minster, Isle of Wight.***

A warm welcome is extended to all who are viewing our streamed service for Mothering Sunday.

Today is normally a celebration for many families but the onset of Coronavirus limits the intentions of so many for today.

As we meet for worship from so many communities across the country and overseas, we hold in our prayers all who are vulnerable at this time, the sick, the bereaved and those close to death.

Many of us will have missed the opportunity of a celebratory meal in a local restaurant and our prayers are asked for all whose livelihood is threatened at this time.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

*Silence is kept*

As God's people we have gathered:

**All Let us worship him together**

## CONFESSION

We come to God as one from whom no secrets  
are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.  
Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All Father, we have sinned against heaven  
and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON (Tune – Caswall)

**Lord, have mercy on us, hear our humble plea;  
Lord, have mercy on us, set our spirits free.**

**Christ, have mercy on us, hear us as we pray;  
Christ, have mercy on us, take our sin away.**

**Lord, have mercy on us, hear our humble plea;  
Lord, have mercy on us, set our spirits free.**

## THE PRESIDENT SAYS

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## 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.

**All Amen**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

### **1 Samuel 1.20–28**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.

But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time.’

Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the Lord establish his word.’

So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three year old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine.

She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young.

Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord.

For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.

Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

*At the end, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

*All*    **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: Fathers and Mothers** (Tune: Morning has Broken)

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.33–35**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord**

The child's father and mother were amazed at  
what was being said about Jesus.  
Then Simeon blessed them and said to his  
mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling  
and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign

that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

TALK

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe.  
Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For all who are mothers and have the joy of  
family life we give thanks. Be with those who are  
grieving because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling because  
they have no children;

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the health and well-being of our nation,  
that all who are fearful and anxious  
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust  
and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we  
pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

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

## THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
given us access to his grace.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Hymn: O God in Heaven** (Tune: Melita)

**O God in heaven, whose loving plan  
ordained for us our parents' care,  
and from the time our life began,  
the shelter of a home to share.**

*Our Father, on the homes we love,  
send down thy blessing from above.*

**May young and old together find  
in Christ, the Lord of every day,  
that fellowship our homes may bind  
in joy and sorrow, work and play.**

**The sins that mar our homes forgive;  
from all self-seeking set us free;  
as parents, children, may we live  
in glad obedience to thee.**

**O Father, in our homes preside,  
their duties shared as in thy sight;  
in kindly ways be thou our guide,  
on mirth and trouble shed thy light.**

## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

With this bread that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

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.**

**Q.** Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

**Ans. Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.  
You give us friends and families  
busy streets for young and old,  
the life of an earthly city  
fulfilled in your city to come.  
You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

SANCTUS (Tune: Slane)

*All* **Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in pow'r might and wisdom for ever adored,  
the earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Q.* Why do we share this bread and wine?

*Ans.* **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples,  
saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for  
many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Q. How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Ans. **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Sts Thomas and all your  
saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*  
We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father**

#### **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.

**All Amen**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly  
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen**

#### **THE BLESSING**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to  
deny yourselves, take up your cross and  
follow him; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be  
among you and remain with you always.



*All*    **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Some material included in this service is ©  
Archbishops' Council 2000  
Hymns reproduced under CCL 615061.