THE HOLY EUCHARIST

on the Fourth Sunday in Lent | Mothering Sunday Sunday 30th March 2025 | 9.00am | Hymns



The Opening Hymn



- 1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Words: Nun danket alle Gott Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Music: NUN DANKET Melody in J. Crüger's Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647) Harmony chiefly from Mendelssohn's Lobgesang (1840)



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§ The service continues on Page 3 of the Order of Service.

The Psalm

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.

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 beloved sleep.

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

Psalm 127. 1-4

§ The service continues with the Gospel, which can be found in the readings and notices sheet.



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The Offertory Hymn



Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, who bad'st its angry tumult cease, and gavest light and life and peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go: and ever let there rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825-78)

Music: MELITA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

The Closing Hymn



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.

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