



**Mothering Sunday
Service**

**St Paul's Church,
and
St Paul's, Hala**



THE PREPARATION

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome

Hymn: For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

For thy Church which evermore,
lifteth holy hands above,
off'ring up on ev'ry shore
her pure sacrifice of love:

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Acclamation

Praise God who loves us.

All: Praise God who cares.

Candle lighting

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love, and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

Saying Sorry to God together:

Father God

I am sorry that sometimes my thoughts have not been loving thoughts.

Father God

I am sorry that sometimes my words have not been loving words.

Father God

I am sorry that sometimes my actions have not been loving actions.

Father God forgive me; and help me to be more loving.

Amen.

Absolution

People of God, be assured that you are loved by God, who offers grace, comfort and hope. In this strength you are made new.

All: Amen

Collect

The collect is said and all respond:

Amen

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Readings

At the end of each reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



Hymn:

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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Talk

The Creed

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Peace

Praise God who loves us.

All: Praise God who cares.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand (x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand (x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the little tiny baby in his hand (x3)

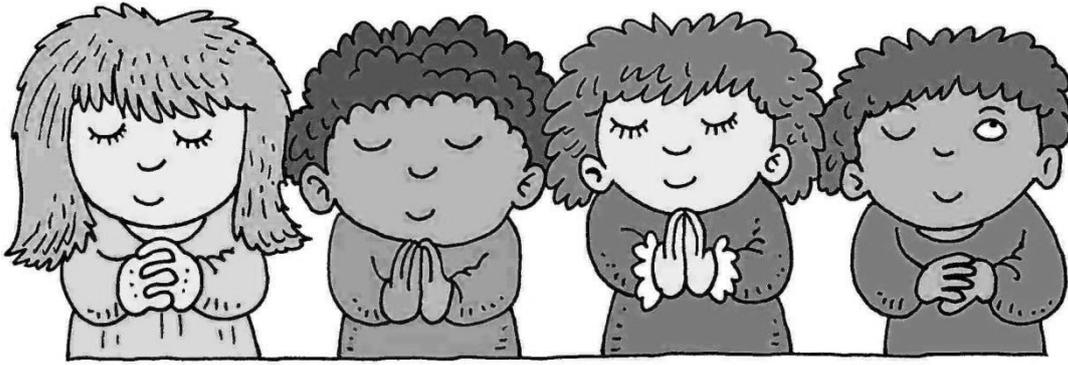
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got ev'rybody here in his hand (x3)

He's got the whole world in his hand.

Traditional

The Prayers of Intercession



Please sit.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has
taught us, so we pray:*

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.***

THE SENDING OUT

The Blessing

Praise God who loves us.

All: Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:

may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:

may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

Hymn: To God be the glory!

great things he hath done;

so loved he the world

that he gave us his Son;

who yielded his life

an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate

that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the earth hear his voice;

praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the people rejoice:

O come to the Father,

through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory;

great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
to ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord.....

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

*Frances Jane van Alstyne
(Fanny J. Crosby) (1820-1915)*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.