

Prayer of St Anselm

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us

Song “**The Blessing**”

Blessing

Hold us in your arms (Arms holding a child)

Pause

Bless us with your presence (Hands receiving a gift)

Pause

and send us out with Joy (Arms held wide)
Amen

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world
to walk in God’s light,
to rejoice in God’s love
and to reflect God’s glory. Amen.**



Welcome

Call to Worship

Women: **Who is mother?**

Men: **and Father**

Leader: Alpha and Omega

All: **the beginning and the end**

Leader: life and being beyond all we can imagine
we are all made in his image

All: **We come to worship our God.
Amen.**

Song **So will I (Hillsong)**

Introduction of the Theme 'How do we see mothers?'

- « Mothers as portrayed on Cards
- « Mothers in reality
- « Mothers as Superwoman

A Prayer of Confession

A mother sacrifices her own needs
for the sake of her children.
Let us call to mind the times
when we have not done the same,
and the times we have taken the love
of those around us for granted.

A time of silence is kept as we recall our sin and our need of God.

**Loving God,
we are sorry for the times when our own needs
have been the only thing we think about.
We are sorry for the times when we have not
been loving and kind to others.
We are sorry for the times when we have
ignored you and let you down.**

Absolution

May God, who longs to gather us all together
as a hen gathers her chicks,
who longs to protect and heal,
cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect

**God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Reading – Luke 13: 34 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Chicks and Hens Activity

Reading - Luke 8: 19-21

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Post-it notes Activity

A time of reflection

*We listen to a version of the Magnificat (Song of Mary)
using the Lyrics to “Tell out my soul”
as we think about motherhood.*

During this hymn bunches of daffodils will be distributed.

Activity

How can we support mothers?

We sign together “**Guardian**”

What is God Doing?

A time of intercession and prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

As Jesus 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 forever. Amen.**

Mothering Sunday Creed

What do we believe?

We say together

**We believe in the God
who is a source of love and compassion,
who nurtures and cares for all creation.
We believe in the love of mothers,
and all who show a mother's love,
for their patience, understanding,
hope, and joy without limit.
We believe in the power of family,
and the importance of community,
for those who welcome us home,
and for those who become our family.
We believe in the love of God,
which is present in every home,
and in the joy of family life.
Amen.**