

## **14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 MOTHERING SUNDAY**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

### **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.*

**FIRST READING** Proverbs 31 v10-12, 28-31  
A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A capable wife, who can find?  
She is more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her.  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
"Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all."  
Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 34

**RESPONSE:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord hear him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3 v12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
and, with gratitude in your hearts,  
sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
Holy Mary, Mother of God:  
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 12 v46-50

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus was still speaking to the crowd,  
when his mother and brothers appeared;  
they stood outside, wanting to talk to him.  
Someone said: "Your mother and your brothers are  
here outside; they want to speak to you."  
Jesus turned to the man who brought the message,  
and said, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"  
and pointing to the disciples, he said,  
"Here are my mother and my brothers.  
Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father,  
is my brother, my sister, my mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We place before you with joy, these offerings  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you as is fitting.  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou amongst women.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*