

**United Benefice of Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush
and Birtsmorton**



Mothing Sunday and Holy Communion in Lent

THE WELCOME

THE FIRST HYMN

THE OPENING PRAYERS

Praise God who loves us

Praise God who cares

A candle is lit

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

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

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 patient, waiting love.

Blessed be God for ever.

Heavenly Father we ask you to bless our gifts, which we offer to those who have nurtured and cared for us as a token of our love and our thanks. **Amen.**

**Thank you for all the love of our mothers:
Thank you God for their care and concern;
Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
Thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
Thank you God for all that they give us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

We sit or kneel for a short period of silence for reflection on the week that has passed.

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception, but we fail to live as your children
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good but we seek our own good.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help but we ignore the cries of others.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home;
help us to live as the holy family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us at last to our home in heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SECOND HYMN

THE READINGS

We sit to hear the Readings at the end of which the Reader says:

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

THE ADDRESS

We stand to say

THE CREED

**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 high.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition the Intercessor says:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

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.

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

THE THIRD HYMN

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Let us pray

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in
remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
'Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we
and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our
sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who
share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty
Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

THE GIVING OF THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive the bread or you may come and receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing please indicate this by holding your Service Order in your hand.

THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The post communion prayer is said followed by:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory.
Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN

THE BLESSING

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his spirit so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith and knowing his love you may be filled with the fullness of God.

And the blessing of God almighty the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you this day and evermore.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.