

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
(Mothering Sunday)**

**Collect**

**G**od 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 sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Colossians 3.12-17**

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

Bear with one another and,  
if anyone has a complaint against another,  
forgive each other;  
just as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you also must forgive.

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, 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.

**Psalm - Psalm 23 (not used in the Service)**

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He shall refresh my soul and guide me  
in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
You have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Gospel Reading - John 19.25b-27**

**S**tanding near the cross of Jesus were his  
mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife  
of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

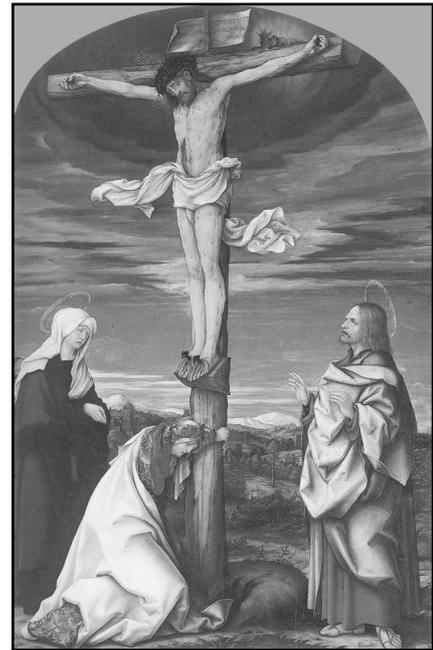
When Jesus saw his mother  
and the disciple whom he loved standing beside  
her, he said to his mother,

'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple,

'Here is your mother.'

And from that hour  
the disciple took her into his own home.



**Post Communion Prayer**

**G**od of love,  
who in this sacrament has fed us  
with the food and drink of eternal life,  
even as a mother feeds her children at the breast:  
mercifully grant that we  
who have tasted your goodness  
may grow in grace  
within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

