

# St Mary of Charity Parish Church Faversham Mothering Sunday 31 March 2019

Welcome to the beautiful church of St Mary of Charity. Please do stay for a drink and fellowship. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

For our prayers:

- the St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

**10.30 am Parish Eucharist (CW)**

**Readings:**

**1 Samuel 1:20-28  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:33-35**

**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

**Next Sunday:  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-32:56**



## 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Processional:	Angel-voices ever singing
Gradual:	King of glory, king of peace
Offertory:	Sing we of the blessed mother
Motet:	Morning glory, starlit sky ; <i>Rose</i>
Recessional:	Ye holy angels bright



### **Angel-voices ever singing**

round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

**King of glory, King of peace,**  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me,  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

### **Sing we of the blessed Mother**

who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly breath of God's own being,  
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
    when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
    brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,  
    raised on high and crowned with grace,  
may your Son, the world's redeemer,  
    grant us all to see his face.

**Ye holy angels bright,**  
    who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
    fly at your Lord's command,  
    assist our song,  
        for else the theme  
        too high doth seem  
    for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
    who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
    behold the Saviour's face,  
    his praises sound,  
    as in his sight  
    with sweet delight  
    ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,  
    adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
    some joyful anthem sing;  
    take what he gives  
    and praise him still,  
    through good and ill,  
    who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.



## **Old Testament**

*1 Samuel 1:20-28*

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my Lord! As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Here ends the Lesson

**Epistle**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

As 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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

*Luke 2:33-35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury, will retire in May 2019.

**We are happy to be able to confirm that Bishop Trevor will join us at St Mary of Charity at our Choral Evensong at 6 pm on Sunday, 7 April 2019 followed by hospitality.**

Please do come along to the service and say farewell to our Bishop.

## **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

will take place at 7 pm for 7.30 pm on Monday, 8 April 2019 at St Mary of Charity School.

**PCC** is very important to St Mary of Charity in enabling the running of the church and the growing of the Kingdom. At present there are **six PCC vacancies** due to retirement, resignation and co-option (this year's retirees and those previously co-opted are eligible to re-stand alongside others).

**Please consider standing for election, if you are interested it would be helpful if you could chat with the vicar or Churchwardens by the end of March.**

*We look forward to joining together on 8 April for drinks, nibbles and "Agenda".*

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by Wednesday, 24 April, very latest!**

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