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Weekly Worship and News from St Leonard's and St Mary's

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 30th March 2025



Mothering Sunday

Happy Mother's Day

to all who mother or have been mothered

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer

Hymn: Love divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, you are all compassion,
Boundless love that makes us whole;
Visit us with your salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more your temples leave.
You, we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your perfect love.

Finish, then, your new creation;
Pure and sinless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfect in eternity;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before you,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opener In groups / with neighbour:

What does good mothering mean to you?

Can you think of specific examples of good mothering in difficult circumstances from your own experience or from something you have seen?



Reading from Isaiah 66: 12-14

This is what the Lord says,
“I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and bounced upon her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you will be comforted over Jerusalem.
When you see this, your heart will rejoice;
you will flourish like the grass.

This is the word of the Lord;
thanks be to God.



Litany/Prayer (with silences for intercession)

To those who gave birth this year
to their first child -
In God's name,
we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year,
In God's name,
we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches
with little ones every day
and wear the badge of food stains
In God's name,
we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss this year
through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away
In God's name,
we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility,
fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment
In God's name,
we walk with you.

Forgive us when we say foolish things.
We don't mean to make this harder than it is.
To those who are foster mums, mentor mums,
and spiritual mums.
In God's name,
we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships
with your children.
In God's name,
we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment,
heart ache, and distance with your children
In God's name,
we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year
In God's name,
we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of a mother
In God's name,
we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests,
and the overall testing of motherhood. In God's name,
we are better for having you in our midst

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year
In God's name,
we grieve and rejoice with you

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and
surprising. In God's name,
we anticipate with you

This Mother's Day,
we join with our loving God to walk with you.
Mothering is not for the faint hearted
and we have real warriors in our midst.

Ukrainian Perspective

Is there a Mother's Day in Ukraine?

How do you celebrate?

Hymn: **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,**
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Reflections

What about Spiritual motherhood?

Someone who cares about your faith,
and helps you to know and love God
A grandmother / aunt / ? who prayed for you,
Sunday School teacher who taught you

Offertory Prayer

We give thanks for the many gifts
we have received and proclaim
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

We join with all the company of heaven,
worshipping you and singing

**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.**

We give you thanks and praise
that on the night when he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends Jesus took bread,
and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, taking the cup,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine
that they may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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 for ever. Amen.**

The breaking of 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.**

After Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
And his mercy endures for ever

**We thank you, Father, God of love,
for the signs of your love on this table,
for your love made known throughout the world,
and shining on us in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

Hymn AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND,

That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his to face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and grant you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

**Do Join with us for a cuppa and fellowship
served in the Hall,**

Mothering isn't about DNA
or a biological relationship.
Mothering is about
caring and nurturing,
listening and sharing wisdom
affirming and encouraging.
Mothering is about loving.





St Mary's Church

(Dalkeith Country Park)

in conjunction with

Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home

PET FOOD BANK

First Tuesday of the month

10am-12 Noon

Need some help to feed your
pets, pop into St Mary's
where we have a pop up pet
food bank be sure of a warm
welcome and a cuppa!

Dogs welcome!

Donations of unopened pet
food welcome.



Come for a Cuppa, Chat and Cake

Saturday 5th April

10.30am to 12 Noon

SWAP SHOP - Fashion Accessories

Looking for Hats, Scarfs, Ties, Bags, Shoes etc
or have these items to share then bring them along to
our Swap Shop as part of Coffee at Mary's



Bluebell Walk

Join with us for a walk around the Bluebell Wood in
Dalkeith Country Park on Friday 25th April.

Leaving from St Mary's at 11am followed by an optional
lunch at the Restoration Yard.

Please sign up for both parts the Walk and Lunch
or just for the Lunch,
or just the walk depending on your preference



Save the dates 2025

CINEMA TRIP MARCH TBC Cancelled Bonnyrigg. Date and time confirmed once released - release date 7th March	AFTERNOON TEA AUGUST 09 Charlotte Rooms Cost £22.50 or £28 with Prosecco. Sign up & pay £5 deposit to guarantee your space Numbers limited to 34
EASTER BUNNY DRIVE MARCH 28 An evening of fun with homebaking 7pm St Leonard's Hall	DALKEITH BBQ AUGUST 22/23 Churches together event
BLUEBELL WALK APRIL 25 Meet at St Mary's 11am. Lunch booked at Restoration Yard for 12.30pm	QUIZ NIGHT SEPT 19 To be confirmed
MENS NIGHT - CORN EXCHANGE TENPIN/MINI GOLF MAY TBC Suggested dates either 2nd or 23rd whichever is more popular	HARVEST SUPPER OCT 04 St Leonard's hall
SUMMER FAIR JUNE 07 St Mary's 10am -2pm More details to follow	SILENT AUCTION NOV 14 Details tbc
STRAWBERRY TEA JULY 19 St Leonard's Hall details to follow	CHRISTMAS FAIR DEC 06 St Mary's 10am-2pm



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