

## Prayers

*Cup your hands together as if holding something precious*

**All: Dear God, thank you for your precious gifts to us, help us to care for them in the same way that you care for us. Amen**



*Place two fingers (like legs) on the palm of the other hand*

**All: Dear God, thank you for everyone who loves us, thank you for all those who work to help people in need and who care for the poorly and the vulnerable. Amen**

*Hold your hands on your hearts*

**All: Dear God, thank you for your love for us. We pray for everyone who feels sad or alone today. May they know your love for them, and may we always show your love in our lives. Amen**

## Hymn



**He's got the whole world in His hands (x3)**

He's got the whole world in His hands

**He's got you and me brother in His hands (x3)**

He's got the whole world in His hands

**He's got you and me sister in His hands (x3)**

He's got the whole world in His hands

**He's got everyone who loves us in his hands (x3)**

He's got the whole world in His hands

**He's got the whole world in His hands (x3)**

He's got the whole world in His hands

## Blessing

**May the road rise before you,  
And the wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine brightly on your face  
And the rain fall softly on your fields  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. Amen.**



# Mothering Sunday

*"Together at Home" service*

*Welcome to our Mothering Sunday service in which we will remember and honour, not only our own mothers but also everyone, male or female, who gives love and care to those who need it. And in remembering these unselfish acts of love we will remember and give thanks for the motherly nature of our God.*

*At a time when we are avoiding contact with others to help stop the spread of Coronavirus we know that this Mothering Sunday will be unlike any other. However we hope that this service helps us all to feel connected, even if we are unable to gather together as we'd like.*

## Welcome

*We say aloud:*

**Though we are apart, the Lord is with us!**



## Hymn



**Thank you, Lord, for this new day**

Thank you, Lord, for this new day

Thank you, Lord, for this new day

Right where we are

*Alleluia, praise the Lord! (x3)*

*Right where we are*

Thank you, Lord, for loving us (x3)

Right where we are

*Alleluia...*

Thank you, Lord, for all who care (x3)

Right where we are

*Alleluia...*

## Worship focus

*If possible, light a candle or tealight as you say each prayer:*



**Loving God, we light this candle as a reminder of the great care and love you have for each one of us. Loving God, we praise and thank you!**



**Loving God, we light this candle in thanksgiving for all mothers. For all they do, or once did, and for all they mean, and will always mean to us. Loving God, we praise and thank you!**



**Loving God, we light this candle for all families throughout the world, especially those separated from each other at this time. Loving God, we praise and thank you!**



**Loving God, we light this candle for the family of the Church, here and everywhere. Loving God, we praise and thank you!**



**Loving God, we light this candle for all who nurture, care for, and encourage others. Loving God, we praise and thank you!**

*Take a few moments to name before God things, or people, that you are thankful for today*

## Confession

*We all make mistakes, but asking for and offering forgiveness is part of loving one another, so we pray to God:*

**O God, the parent of us all, we thank you for the care we have received in our lives. For the times we've taken this for granted; Forgive us and change us.**

**O God, the parent of us all, we thank you for all the people who have listened to us. For the times when we have failed to listen to our parents, our children, or one another; Forgive us and change us.**

**O God, the parent of us all, we thank you for the care we receive through your family, the church. For the times when we have ignored the needs of people around us, Forgive us and change us.**

**O God, the parent of us all, help us to love as you have loved us, for the sake of Jesus, your child, Amen**



## Bible Reading—2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*Read this passage out loud*



**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.**

*Take some time to reflect on that passage. What comfort have you received from others in recent days? How have you seen the mothering love of the "God of all comfort" in the world around you this week? What comfort can you offer to others in their need?*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Even when we are by ourselves we are not alone, we are part of the Body of Christ which stretches across the world. We join with all Christians as we affirm our faith in God:*

**We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**