

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.

Colossians 3.12–17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.

John 19.25b–27

²⁵ Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 15: 5 and 9-12

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you.

1 John 3:1 and 4:21

See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children—and so, in fact, we are. This is why the world does not know us: it has not known God.

The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love others also.

Post Communion: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A prayer of thanks

Thank you, Lord, for all who care
Thanks for mothers everywhere
For those who brighten up our day
Who always have the right words to say
Thanks for hugs, and love and smiles
Thanks for all those extra miles
And when they feel they're not enough
Bless them with your love
Amen

Easter and Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (25th March) (BST)
8.30am Holy Communion.
10am Holy Communion with palms

Mon, Tues and Wed of Holy Week-
Prayers in church from 6.30pm

Maunder Thursday (29th March)
Chrism Service at the Cathedral
Starting at 11am.

Last Supper including Communion from 6.30pm
in the Hall, followed by Easter Vigil in the
church if people want to stay.

Good Friday (30th March)
Good Friday Service in church 1pm

Easter Day - No 8.30am Service.
10am Holy Communion for Easter.
Easter egg Hunt for Junior Church

Thursday 5th April
Dementia Friendly Songs of Praise,
in the church starting at 2pm followed by
refreshments in the hall.

Saturday 7th April
Messy Church, 2pm in the Hall
He is Risen!