



# Fourth Sunday of Lent 12<sup>th</sup> March

## Mothering Sunday

### Family Eucharist

Introit Grannies & Grandads (Benedicite) - Carter

Hymn 253 For the beauty of the earth

Hymn 238 For Mary, mother of our Lord (Omit \*\*vv)

Luke 2. 33-35 Kay Povey-Richards

Sermon Rev Doug Loveridge

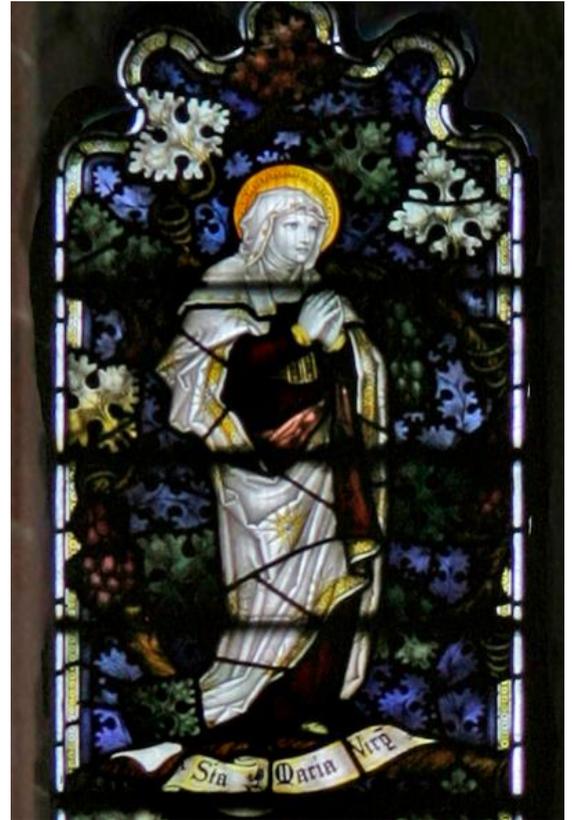
Intercessions Andrew Povey-Richards

Hymn 305 (T587) I come with joy

Communion For the beauty of the earth – Stopford

Hymn 530 Now thank we all our God

Organ Now thank we all Op 65/59 – Karg-Elert



## THE PRAYERS

### The Sick

Nerine Chalmers Rev Jo Loveridge  
 Lucy Beryl Stevens  
 Joanna Angwin

### The Departed

Alan Weeks Norman Barnard

### Year's Mind

John Hedley Cheryl Lenaghan  
 Anthony James Rev Reg Haw  
 Margaret Wilford Joan Smithers

## THE NOTICES

**Today 6.30 pm** Choral Compline

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> (Thomas Cranmer)

**2.00 pm** Courtyard Quartet rehearsal  
**8.00 pm** Lent Course at St Andrews

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**12 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
 Courtyard Quartet – Vocal Ensemble

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**11.00 am** Morning Prayers  
**7.30 pm** All Saints Art

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> (Walter Hilton)

**5.30** Choir Practices in Church

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (Annunciation to the BVM)

**3.00** Concert by HCS:  
*St Matthew Passion*

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

**10.00 am** Parish Communion  
**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

Hertford Choral Society presents

# St Matthew Passion

J.S. Bach (sung in German)

The final days of Christ's life, retold by solo voices, orchestra and chorus

**7.30pm, Saturday 25th March 2023**  
 All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

## 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.

### Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.<sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.<sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.<sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.<sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said.<sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.<sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.<sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### Psalms 34.11-20

Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
<sup>12</sup> Who is there who delights in life ♦  
and longs for days to enjoy good things?  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil ♦  
and your lips from lying words.  
<sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; ♦  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon the  
righteous ♦  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
<sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against those who  
do evil, ♦  
to root out the remembrance of them from  
the earth.  
<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry and the Lord hears  
them ♦  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.  
<sup>20</sup> He keeps all their bones, ♦  
so that not one of them is broken.

### 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, <sup>4</sup>who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. <sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup>If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. <sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

### Luke 2.23-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

## Post Communion Collect

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.