

WHY ARE WE HERE? (4) TO STAND WITH JESUS

Mark 14:43 – 52

Mothering Sunday

14th March 2021



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CALL TO WORSHIP

If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it;
if a foe were rising against me, I could hide. 13
But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my
close friend, 14 with whom I once enjoyed sweet
fellowship at the house of God, as we walked
about among the worshippers.

(Psalm 55:12-14)



ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR



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OPENING PRAYER

God our source and guide and goal: you have made us in your image and set us in a world full of beauty; you dwell in unapproachable light, yet you have come among us, full of grace and truth. You have revealed yourself in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Help us by your Spirit to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CONFESSION

The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3.23). If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins (1 John 1.8-9). Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.



Almighty God, we confess before you our own sin, the sin of the Church and the sin of the world, in which we share. We have not loved you with our whole being; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us when we turn to you; release us from the burdens of the past, and remake us in your image and likeness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17). Through him your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, out of the fulness of your gifts we bring before you this bread and wine, our gifts and our lives. Blessed be your holy name forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



READING MARK 14: 41 - 52

Returning the third time, he said to them,
'Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough!
The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is
delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise!
Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!' 43 Just
as he was speaking, Judas, one of the twelve,



appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

44 Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' 45 Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. 46 The men seized Jesus and arrested him.



47 Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

48 'Am I leading a rebellion,' said Jesus, 'that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.'

50 Then everyone deserted him and fled.



51 A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, 52 he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A person stands on a reflective beach at sunset, with mountains in the background. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, showing the person's reflection in the water. The sky is a mix of blue, green, and yellow, and the mountains are silhouetted against the horizon.

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FROM THE
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord our God, as we celebrate Mothering Sunday, we thank you for those who have cared for us, our mothers and those who stood in their place. We pray this morning for all those who have lost their mothers during the pandemic.



Jesus, man of sorrows

We stand with you



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Lord our God, we pray for the church during this time, that despite our disconnectedness we may know ourselves to be part of your community of joy and loved and prayed for by our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We remember before you our mother church, the church from which we first knew you, and ask your blessing on its life and witness.



Jesus, man of sorrows

We stand with you



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Lord our God, we pray for the Queen and the royal family following Harry and Meghan's interview. Give them all wisdom, love and forgiveness. And we pray for the Duke of Edinburgh that his health may improve. We pray for our own family, friends and neighbours, thanking you for them. In these testing times, help us to not betray those nearest and dearest to us.

Jesus, man of sorrows

We stand with you



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We pray for our wider community of Bowthorpe, that all within its embrace may know they are remembered in love. Bless them with joy despite the difficulties. We pray for families as they adjust to their children returning to school, and pray for all school staff as they seek to make school as normal and safe as possible.



Jesus, man of sorrows

We stand with you



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Lord our God, we pray for those who have felt betrayed in life. Help them to realise that you are still present, that you are still a loving God who cares. And we pray for all those who grieve, for lost loved ones, for lost health or work or hope.

Jesus, man of sorrows
We stand with you

Lord our God, finally we pray for ourselves,
that we may be faithful to you in all we say
and do, that our lives may not betray our love
for you.

Jesus, man of sorrows

We stand with you

All these things we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**



OH, TO SEE THE DAWN



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THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace (Col. 3:15).

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



HOLY COMMUNION

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him from the dead; and he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit.



In his presence, and in the company of all the people of God, past, present, and to come, we celebrate the Supper of the Lord. 'Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.'

(Revelation 3: 20)



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread and that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life and true vine, whose body was given for us, and whose blood was poured out for us.

By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless may be the communion of the blood of Christ. As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace to know the power of his



resurrection, that we may be made one and evermore abide in him, to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. When Jesus had given thanks he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' When Jesus had given thanks, he gave the cup to his disciples and said:



‘Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ **Amen.**

The Body of Christ broken for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of a love stronger than death, you have given us new birth into a living hope through the gift of your Son. God with us, like a mother you have fed us with yourself & strengthened us for the journey ahead. Now may the love which



**bids us welcome at this table gather
all your children into one, in your
eternal presence. Amen.**



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NOW THANK WE ALL
OUR GOD

THANK
YOU



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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Lord, we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and with all whom you love, now and for evermore.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

