



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

MOTHERING SUNDAY  
19 MARCH 2023

## PRELUDE

*Lyrisches Blatt, Op.89, Nr.10*

Theodor Kirchner (1823-1903)

## HYMN 138

- 1 **Our Father God in heaven  
on whom our world depends,  
to you let praise be given  
for families and friends;  
for parents, sisters, brothers,  
a home where love belongs  
but on this day for mothers  
we bring our thankful songs.**
- 2 **What wealth of God's bestowing  
for all the world to share!  
what strength of heart outgoing  
to children everywhere!  
Our deepest joys and sorrows  
a mother's path must trace,  
and earth's unknown tomorrows  
are held in her embrace.**
- 3 **How well we know the story  
that tells of Jesus' birth,  
the Lord of heaven's glory  
become a child of earth;  
a helpless infant sleeping,  
yet King of realms above,**

**to find in Mary's keeping  
the warmth of human love.**

- 4 **Our Father God in heaven,  
to you we lift our prayer,  
that every child be given  
such tenderness and care,  
where life is all for others,  
where love your love displays:  
for God's good gift of mothers  
let earth unite in praise!**

## GREETING

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

Praise God who loves us.  
**Praise God who cares for us.**

We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and  
laboured as they cared for their children.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for all parents who have wept in sorrow and joy for  
their children.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

We praise you, our God, for Jesus, born of a woman and nurtured in her love,  
and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure  
to love as Christ loves us.

## CONFESSION

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.  
We fail to live as your children.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Samuel 1:20-28*

A Reading from the Book of 1 Samuel:

<sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' <sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' <sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had

weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN 387

- Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,  
as the gospel words unfold;  
we, in all our agelong seeking,  
find no firmer truth to hold.**
- Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,  
heard by simple folk and wise,  
word of freedom, word of duty,  
word of life beyond our eyes.**
- Word of God's forgiveness granted  
to the wild or guilty soul,  
word of love that works undaunted,  
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**
- Speak to us, O Lord, believing,  
as we hear, the sower sows;  
may our hearts, your word receiving,  
be the good ground where it grows.**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' <sup>33</sup> 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## KIDS' CHURCH PRESENTATION

### TALK

The Revd Dr Robert S. Kinney

### CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Intercessions led by Kid's Church.*

### PEACE

*The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:*

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN 537 (TUNE 1)

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

- 5 **For thy church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

## **EUCCHARIST**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**Why is it right to give thanks and praise?**

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

**Why do we share this bread and wine?**

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.' So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

**How do we follow Jesus Christ?**

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE 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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.  
**Amen.**

*The celebrant distributes communion.*

## **ANTHEM**

*A Clare Benediction*  
John Rutter (b.1945)

## **HYMN 358**

1 **Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now**

**with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found—  
we stand on Holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.**

- 2 **Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight—  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**
- 3 **Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord, we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## BLESSING

*The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;

...and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## HYMN 739

- 1 **Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**
- 2 **O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**
- 3 **All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praeludium, Op.89, Nr.2*

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