



**All-age Service
Sunday 10th March 2024**

Welcome

Leader Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.

Hymn **882 Lord of all hopefulness**

Opening Activity Beauty from brokenness

Confession

Leader You have offered us shelter in the shadow of your wings but
we have turned away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

Leader You have made us to be your body in the world but we have
failed to care for those who are broken.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy

Leader You have offered us fullness of life but we have held onto
our wounds.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

Absolution *(we are reminded that God forgives all who repent)*

Leader Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

All **Mother God,**
sometimes we feel lost, broken, discarded and useless.
We seek your loving arms to comfort us,
your strength to keep us going,
and your creativity to inspire us
to find beauty from brokenness.
Amen.

Collect

Leader **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

Everyday Saints

Song **376 Jesus put this song into our hearts**

Readings **Mark 7:24-30 (video – pg 1010 Church Bible)**
James 4:1-10 (pg 1215 Church Bible)

Sermon **A sassy mother**

Song **Everyone needs compassion**

Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a saviour;
the hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the
 mountains
my God is mighty to save,
he is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation.
he rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender.

Saviour, He can move...

Shine your light and let the
whole world see,
we're singing for the glory
of the risen King,
Jesus, shine your light and let the
whole world see,
we're singing for the glory
of the risen King.

Saviour, He can move...

Distribution of flowers/bulbs

All **Thank you God for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

Leader **Let us declare our faith in God.**

All **We believe in God, Mother and Father of us all,
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;
Mother and Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

Followed by the Lord's Prayer

All **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 forever. Amen**

Notices

Song

Bless the Lord, O my soul

(during which the offering will be received)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord...

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
Bless the Lord...
Bless the Lord...
Yes, I'll worship Your Holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your Holy name.

The Dismissal

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Blessing

Leader May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an
earthly mother, bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over
her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
All Amen.

