

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

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### COLLECT

Merciful God,  
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 lives  
that in joy and sorrow  
we may know the power of thy presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

**Exodus 2.1-10**

*A reading from the first book of Exodus*

And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING****2 Corinthians 1.3-7***A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God****GOSPEL****Luke 2.33-35***Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke****Glory be to thee, O Lord***

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord****Praise be to thee, O Christ*****POST COMMUNION**

God of love,  
who in this sacrament dost feed us  
with the food and drink of eternal life,  
even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast:  
mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness  
may grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.