



# *Keston Parish Church* *Mothering Sunday Service*

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

'Dear woman, here is your son: Beloved disciple 'Here is your mother.'  
John 19

## Welcome and Notices

### Greeting

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

Hymn 137 – God of Eve, and God of Mary (*Played on the organ*)

### Prayer of Preparation

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Gather your children to you, O God.**

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;  
by your pain and suffering we gather here in joy.

**We gather as your children, O God**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us,  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

**Gather your children to you, O God,  
as a hen gathers her chicks to protect them.**

**Amen.**

### We Confess

Loving God, 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, but we seek our own good.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help, yet we ignore the cries of others.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

### Absolution

May the God of love and power,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Collect Prayer for the Day

Bible Readings    2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
                              John 19:25-27

### The Reflection

Worship Song (*Played on CD*)

### We Affirm Our Belief in God

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He was buried and was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**Afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles.**

**This we have received, and this we believe.**

**Amen.**

### Prayers

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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### The Blessing and Dismissal

Please let us know if you are unable to  
come to church next Sunday.

