

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

MOTHERING SUNDAY (SET 1)

COLLECT

God of compassion, 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 living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Sam 1.20–28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. 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.' 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. 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. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 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. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 34



℟. Come, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (*All repeat*)



Come children and | hear my words;
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.
Who among you | longs for life,
and many days to en-|joy prosperity? ℟.

Then keep your | tongue from evil,
and your lips from | lying words.
Turn from evil | and do good;
seek and strive | after peace. ℟.

The eyes of the Lord are up-|on the righteous,
and his ears are open | to their cry.
The Lord turns his face against those | who
do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them | from
the earth. ℟.

The Lord hears the righteous | when they cry,
and delivers them from | all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the | broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed | he will save. ℟.

SECOND READING

Col 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,

hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 12.50

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven: is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 2.33-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The father and mother of Jesus marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, Lord, the sacrifice we offer you, and grant that our families may be secure in your grace and your peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**