



Notes for Family Service on Mothering Sunday 2018

The service provided is just an outline which can be adapted to suit your particular situation. If the children are not going to be present throughout and a more formal service is required then the various suggestions for prayers, readings and talk can be inserted into a more suitable framework.

Or you may like to use our Mothering Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy, written by theological students at St. Mellitus Theological College under the supervision of Jane Williams, renowned theologian and wife of former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

If you would like the children to “own” the service even more, then time could be given in their groups in the weeks before the service for them to practise the Bible verse for inclusion. 1 John 4:21

Anyone who loves God *Point to self, then clap hands upwards*
must also love their brother and sister.

Point to and clap each other and the congregation
1 John 4:21 *Make “book” with open hands*

They may also like to practise the “Thank You” song for the service.

Thank you Lord for those who care
Thank you Lord for those who care
Thank you Lord for those who care
for our family.

Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, praise the Lord
for our family.

We care for our church family
We care for our church family
We care for our church family
and they care for us.

Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Alleluia, praise the Lord
for our family.



*Original song by Diane Davis Andrew;
1971, 1975 Celebration/Kingsway's Thankyou Music (words adapted)*

The “Thank You” cards and gifts to be given out
can also be made beforehand in their groups.

Prayers

There are extra prayers on the separate sheet and the Mothers’ Union website

Suggested hymns and songs:

All our blessings

Tune: All things bright and beautiful

*All our blessings, all our joys,
With thankful hearts we sing,
God of love and faithfulness,
Accept the praise we bring.*

For parents and for children,
For husbands, wives, and friends,
For those whose care enfolds us
With love that never ends.

For fellowship and friendship
For all we have to give,
For those who’ve shared our journey
And taught us how to live.

For all who’ve shared our sorrow,
Walked with us in our pain,
Who’ve held our hand through darkness
And showed us light again.

In sacrifice and service
Your love is clearly shown,
Your outstretched arms embrace us
to bring us safely home.

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- ❖ Brother, sister let me serve you
- ❖ For the beauty of the earth
- ❖ Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us
- ❖ Now thank we all our God
- ❖ Father I place into your hands the things I cannot do
- ❖ One more step along the world I go

- ❖ Tell out my soul (Timothy Dudley-Smith 1961)
- ❖ He's got the whole world in His hands
- ❖ I know Jesus loves me (Ishmael 2003)
- ❖ As for me and my house (Jim Bailey 1997)
- ❖ I'm gonna jump up and down (Doug Horley 2002)
- ❖ Lord I lift your name on high (Rick Founds 1989)
- ❖ This is the day that the Lord has made (*be creative in adding extra verses!*)

