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## Mother's Day



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### Mothers day prayer:

Lord we pray for all Mothers  
Beautiful and wonderful, they fill the earth  
Gracious in Your call they carry life  
In a bond of love they bring forth a child

We ask you bless all Mothers today  
May they feel the joys of motherhood everyday  
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood  
May Your LOVE and COMPASSION be with them for good

May every Mother Feel today  
The pride and beauty of a family they bear  
Through all pain and sorrow, Lord deliver them  
In your STRENGTH and GRACE may they always stay.

AMEN

### Song: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,

is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

### **Readings:**

Psalm 31:1-5

1 Peter 2:2-10

### **Video: No one like you**

#### **Reflection from Ros:**

Mōrena and a warm welcome to cafe service this morning. We will ask you some questions here that I hope we can discuss at 11am via Zoom.

Today is mothers' day.

The question I would like to use is; How do we all prepare ourselves for motherhood and for the fathers, fatherhood? I would like us to think of the following as an analogy for preparing our worship after COVID19.

We do certain things like;

- You buy baby clothes
- You source a basinet, a cot, perhaps a change table, a pushchair or buggy, perhaps a front or back pack or both
- A mother takes extra vitamins and so on
- You try and keep fit and do important exercises
- You invite a mid-wife to care for you and visit the mid-wife
- You may paint or decorate a nursery and buy furniture for the room
- You may attend antenatal classes
- You may buy toys
- And other preparation depending on your culture and expectations of caring for a baby

There are many ways you can prepare for MOTHERHOOD materially and physically but can you ever prepare for the change having a child or children brings. We know it brings tiredness, worry and joys that last a life time, providing for all aspects of raising children and the expense that comes with that, but God gives us strength to carry out this very important job. Can we prepare for worship after the time we have just been through. Motherhood can be joyous and very rewarding it can often make us kinder as 1 Peter says; tasted the kindness. As the bible verses say, it can make us stronger we are the living stone and if we be ourselves we can build those living stones into a strong spiritual house. We are God's own people and he expects us to do his work. What does that mean?

Are we expected to place Christ at the centre and seek his kingdom first? The Lord is the strength of our lives we have nothing to fear, this helps us as mothers and as people when our families are growing and also has helped us in this COVID19 environment. We pray that when life is hard and difficult we can bear and share each others burdens and to ask for the Lord's help to see us through this time. Mothers' day is one day we get to celebrate, show appreciation, express love through giving and say a big THANK YOU to all our wonderful mothers. The service our mother gives to us is unconditional, never waning and always there.

Today for Cafe Church we would like to pose a question or two;

Like motherhood;

***How Can we be ready and prepared to go back to worship in the space we call Beckenham Methodist Church?***

***Will it be the same as before COVID19?***

We can prepare ourselves in a physical and material sense by;

- We can make up contact lists so people can be traced and tracked
- We can place the hand sanitiser in the foyer
- We can mark out the seats with tape so that those not in our bubble are at least 1 metre away
- We can think of other ways to do communion
- We can avoid physically having morning tea and food together

**But how can we really prepare for worship?**

**And who we are as BMC after COVID19?**

ARE WE READY?

Amen

**Prayer of Intercession:**

Hear our prayer of intercession as we remember all who are finding life difficult and hard. Help us bear and share one another's burdens and to ask for the Lord's help to see us through this time.

We pray for all our mothers on this day, give them strength and help them be good and wise counsellors as their children grow in your likeness.

We pray for all who are sick or have lost loved ones during this time especially those in our congregation. It is hard when you can't gather to farewell loved ones, be with the families who will be preparing for memorials once we move to alert level one.

Lord we ask you to bring peace to all who are struggling with mental/emotional wellbeing, let them come to you with open hearts and minds.

Lord we remember health workers all over the world who have given their lives to save and heal others from this virus. Lift up those workers who are still working very hard to keep people alive.

We remember especially Dr Bloomfield who has lead us so ably through this pandemic and is possibly facing a legal challenge, thank you for his guidance and for bringing us to a good place we are in. It is through your Grace Lord that we are here and we pray that we stay in this privilege position.

We remember Jacinda and all our leaders give them courage, fortitude and grace to carry out their public duty for the good of us all.

We remember our family and friends, help them to know you Lord as we know you.

Amen

**Song: Thine be the Glory**

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:  
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

**The benediction:**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the holy spirit  
be with us all Amen

**Closing Video:** The prayer:

I pray you'll be alright  
and watch us where we go  
help us to be wise  
in times when we don't know  
Let this be our prayer  
When we lose our way  
Lead us to a place  
Guide us with your grace  
To a place where we we'll be safe...