

19 March 2023

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
MOTHERING SUNDAY**



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL
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Recovering together

Collect and Readings for the Holy Communion

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. Amen

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

GOSPEL John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those who are worshipping at home on line)*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.