



## ST PETER'S CHURCH OLD WOKING



## All-age Service Sunday 19 March 2023

### Welcome

### Hymn    **631 Tell out my soul**

Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms.

'As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you' (Isaiah 66.13).

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children.

'Can a woman forget her sucking child that she should have no compassion on the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you' (Isaiah 49.15).

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms.

'But I have calmed and quieted my soul like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quiet is my soul' (Psalm 131.2).

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

'How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you would not' (Matthew 23.37).

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

### Confession

We have failed to nurture the needy.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy**

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy**

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy**

### Absolution *(we are reminded that God forgives all who repent)*

Leader Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

### Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Activity Signs of love

Readings 1 Samuel 1:20-end (video)

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Song      **376 Jesus put this song into our hearts**

Sermon   **Hannah's generous gift**

Hymn      **170 Give thanks with a grateful heart**  
*during which the offering will be received*

Presentation of Posies

Prayers

*Followed by the Lord's Prayer*

**All            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**

Notices

Hymn      **1259      Bless the Lord, O my soul**

**Chorus**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

### **Chorus**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

### **Chorus**

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

### **Chorus**

### **Blessing**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us his children,  
that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing ...

### **The Dismissal**

**Leader**    We go into the world  
**All**        **to walk in God's light,**  
              **to rejoice in God's love**  
              **and to reflect God's glory.**

