

Mother's Day Service Kit

A warm and pastorally careful order — Proverbs 31 readings, a prayer that includes those for whom the day is hard, and family inserts.

When to use it: Mother's Day / Mothering Sunday.

Order of service

1. Prelude / gathering music
2. Call to worship (Scripture below)
3. Opening hymn
4. Invocation
5. Prayer of confession and assurance of pardon
6. Responsive reading
7. Scripture reading
8. Sermon
9. Response — communion, offering, or prayer
10. Closing hymn
11. Benediction

Hymn suggestions (public domain)

- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Blest Be the Tie That Binds
- Children of the Heavenly Father

Suggested preaching text

Proverbs 31:10-31 or 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (Lois and Eunice).

Calls to worship

Read one aloud to open the service. Short is better than long — the point is to turn the room toward God before anything else is said.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV)

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 66:13 (KJV)

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24 (KJV)

Invocation

Father, we thank thee for mothers — for the ones who bore us, raised us, prayed for us, and for the women who mothered us when no one else would. Bless them today, and comfort every heart for whom this day is heavy. Amen.

Prayer of confession

Lord, we confess that we take love for granted, especially the love closest to home. Forgive us for the honour we have withheld and the thanks we have never said. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:12 (KJV)

Responsive reading

Her Children Arise Up

Leader reads the plain lines; the congregation reads the lines in bold. Print this page in the bulletin exactly as it appears here.

Leader: Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
Proverbs 31:25 (KJV)

People: **She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.**
Proverbs 31:26 (KJV)

Leader: Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Proverbs 31:28 (KJV)

People: **Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.**
Proverbs 31:30 (KJV)

All: **As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.**
Isaiah 66:13 (KJV)

Offering sentence

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)

Benediction

Speak the blessing over the congregation rather than praying it — the biblical pattern is a word given to the people, not a request made on their behalf.

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)

Bulletin inserts — cut along the dashed lines

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For every woman here today

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 66:13 (KJV)

This day is joyful for some and painful for others — for those who have lost a mother, who long to be one, or whose relationship is hard. God likens his own comfort to a mother's. Whatever today is for you, that comfort is offered.

BULLETIN INSERT 2 · BIBLE SUNDAYS

Honour her this week

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31:28 (KJV)

Blessing in Proverbs 31 is spoken out loud. Write one sentence naming something specific she did, and give it to her — or, if she is gone, to someone who mothered you in her place.

Service planning notes

Fill this in on the Thursday before and hand a copy to the musicians, the reader, and the sound desk.

Preacher

Sermon title and text

Reader / liturgist

Hymns

Communion / ordinance

Announcements

Notes

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