

Today's Readings
Sunday 10th March
Mothering Sunday

THE 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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the
house of Levi went and
married a Levite woman.
² The woman conceived
and bore a son; and when
she saw that he was a fine
baby, she hid him for three
months. ³ When she could
hide him no longer she got
a papyrus basket for him,
and plastered it with
bitumen and pitch; she put
the child in it and placed it
among the reeds on the
bank of the river. ⁴ His
sister stood at a distance,
to see what would happen
to him. ⁵ The daughter of

Pharaoh came down to
bathe at the river, while
her attendants walked
beside the river. She saw
the basket among the
reeds and sent her maid
to bring it. ⁶ When she
opened it, she saw the
child. He was crying, and
she took pity on him. 'This
must be one of the
Hebrews' children,' she
said. ⁷ Then his sister said
to Pharaoh's daughter,
'Shall I go and get you a
nurse from the Hebrew
women to nurse the child
for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's
daughter said to her,
'Yes.' So the girl went and
called the child's mother.
⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said
to her, 'Take this child and
nurse it for me, and I will
give you your wages.' So
the woman took the child
and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the
child grew up, she brought
him to Pharaoh's
daughter, and she took
him as her son. She
named him Moses,

'because', she said, 'I
drew him out of the water.'

SECOND READING

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, ⁴ 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. ⁵ For
just as the sufferings of
Christ are abundant for us,
so also our consolation is
abundant through
Christ. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Our hope for
you is unshaken; for we
know that as you share in

our sufferings, so also you
share in our consolation.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and
mother were amazed at
what was being said about
him. ³⁴ Then Simeon
blessed them and said to
his mother Mary, 'This
child is destined for the
falling and the rising of
many in Israel, and to be a
sign that will be opposed
³⁵ so that the inner
thoughts of many will be
revealed—and a sword
will pierce your own soul
too.'

**POST COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her
children at the breast
you feed us in this
sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted
your goodness
to grow in grace within the
household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

PSALM 34.11-20

¹¹ Come, O children, listen
to me; I will teach you the
fear of the Lord. ¹² Which
of you desires life, and
covets many days to enjoy
good? ¹³ Keep your
tongue from evil, and your
lips from speaking deceit.
¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do
good; seek peace, and
pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of
the Lord are on the
righteous, and his ears are
open to their cry. ¹⁶ The
face of the Lord is against
evildoers, to cut off the
remembrance of them
from the earth. ¹⁷ When
the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears, and
rescues them from all their
troubles. ¹⁸ The Lord is
near to the broken-
hearted, and saves the
crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many
are the afflictions of the
righteous, but the Lord
rescues them from them
all. ²⁰ He keeps all their
bones; not one of them
will be broken.