

Formartine Parish Church of Scotland Sunday 30 March 2025 10.00 Pitmedden Kirk Mothering Sunday

Please use the Pitmedden Zoom link

Call to Worship:

Come God
Come as an enfolding, nurturing presence
Come as steadfast love to hold us
Come God
Come as an enabling, strengthening force
Come as tough love to let us go.
Come God
Come as friend and comforter
Healing our wounds, walking our way
Come as wounded healer to make us whole.

Praise CH4 181 For the beauty of the earth

Prayer of adoration and confession

Mothers!

Bible mothers

Praise GWA 113 God we praise you

God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong, who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

Sarah laughed to hear the promise—God would bless her with a son;

Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted till she saw what God had done.

Pharoah's daughter, like a mother, lifted Moses from a pool, brought him safely to the palace where a slave would go to school. Mary watched the killing madness,

as her son died on the cross; she who knew the joy of childbirth, now was torn by bitter loss.

As her life drew on toward evening, after she had raised her own, Lois held her baby grandson, told him of God's love made known. God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong, who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

Reading: Exodus 1:8-21, story and reflection

Prayer of dedication

Praise CH\$ 597 Loving Spirit

Reading: Acts 4:14 and 40, story and reflection

Praise GWA 112 Today we bring our grateful hearts

1 Today we bring our thankful hearts, For all a mothering love imparts: For those who gave us life and breath, For love that's stronger far than death.

2 For kindness, patience, warmth and care, For each embrace, each tear, each prayer, Each word of peace, each healing touch,

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:5, story and reflection

Prayers for others and ourselves

Praise CH4 182 Now thank we all our God

Sending and blessing Choral Amen

These simple gifts which mean so much.

3 We look to you, our mothering Lord, Who knows love's cost, and love's reward, Your passion fiercer than the grave, Love for the world you came to save.

Notices

Worship arrangements

United services of worship alternate between Kirks. Sundays at 10.00am

06 April – Tarves Kirk

13 April – Palm Sunday Pitmedden with Holy Communion

20 April – Easter intergenerational service - Tarves

27 April - Pitmedden

Holy Week In Methlick Church

There are no services in Formartine so we encourage you to join our friends in Methlick for these evening services. Times to be confirmed.

17 April 6.30 Maundy Thursday Communion with common cup

18 April 6.30 Good Friday

See posters, our FB and website for more information. www.formartineparishchurch.org,uk

Pastoral Care:

Please contact Susanna Bichard 01651 851345

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