



Happy
Mother's
Day

May 10, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan
48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 10, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Theme: A Mother's Influence

As We Gather

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year. In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful in 1911 as Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, You have been pleased to give all human beings the joy of having a mother who works with You to give them life and bring them to human adulthood. You have given followers of Your Son the added joy of a Christian mother, who works with You to give supernatural life to a child and to bring up that child to Christian adulthood. Over the centuries there have been countless such mothers, heroic, courageous, loving, dedicated, and unconquerable. They have given us the Christian Ages and Christian Saints and in the final analysis assisted greatly in the Christian faith. Most of these mothers are unsung in the eyes of the world; they must be content with little things: a smile, a thank you, and a token of remembrance. In Your eyes, however, they are of inestimable worth. Your Word in the Bible uses a mother's love to describe Your overwhelming love for Your people, and Jesus uses the image of a mother bird to indicate his love for his people. Dear Lord,

let me honor my mother if she is living and remember her with thankful prayer if she now dwells in the presence of the saints in Heaven. Pour down Your grace on all mothers on this day dedicated to them. Amen.

Prelude Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn 36 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C:He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C:Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 31:10-31

(The Wife of Noble Character)

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-5

(The Influence of Motherly Faith)

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

“M-O-T-H-E-R” - Howard Johnson

Redeemer Brass

M is for the million things she gave me.

O means only that she's growing old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me.

H is for her heart of purest gold.

E is for her eyes, with love-light shining.

R means right and right she'll always be.

Put them all together they spell Mother a word that means the world to me.

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:37-39

(Jesus and His Love for His People)

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of this hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Sermon

Text: Proverbs 31:10-31

“The P31 Woman”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

The Blessing of the Gifts

Voluntary

Your Mother and Mine - Sammy Cahn/Sammy Fain

Steve SeGraves, vocalist

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response:

P: May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us: May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us: May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen

Easter Proclamation

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Closing Hymn

On Eagle's Wings

(Favorite hymn of Carolyn Becker, Jeanie Buechner, Patrick Carr, Donna Hollis, Zella Honemann, Patty Jacobs, Kris Leonard, Kathy Mammel, Dan McNaughton, Patricia Nehls, Shirley Pariseau, Barbara Peterson, Stephanie Schlak, Kitty Sweitzer, Andrea Swoyer, Alida Toth, Leslie Whitfield)

1. You, who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain:

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings; bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you, near you, it shall not come. **Refrain**

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Leonard family in thanksgiving for all of our blessings, the Tyndall family thanking God for all our Blessings, and Greg and Kaki Merryman in thanksgiving. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are the Grove family, and the Dorantes family in thankfulness for our many blessings - our health, our children and our church family.

Praise and thanksgiving from: Cherisse and Ken Baetz who celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 9. We ask the Good Lord for His blessings on many more years together; Paula Butler in thanksgiving to all the first responders. They are doing such a fabulous job and risking their own lives to do it; and Kris Leonard in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Hans and Rosemarie Maser; and the 30th anniversary of John and Kris Leonard.

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