



**Ascension Sunday
Mother's Day
May 12, 2024**

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PRELUDE

Parish Drive

WELCOME

INTROIT

Cavatina

Jubilation Ringers

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this time and place seeking God.

All: So often we are simply in a daze, looking up into the sky.

Leader: But you are not in the sky; you are in and among us.

All: You have transcended one time and place, and are with us in all times and places.

Leader: We open our heart to your presence.

All: May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened, that we may know the joy of your love. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Verse

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

OPENING PRAYER

God, enlighten the eyes of my heart, that I may see clearly what is your true and beautiful will; and even if I may not see your will, that I may see what is true and beautiful; and even if I may not see that, that I may see what is.

Enlighten the eyes of my heart, that I may be open to your light. Amen.

THE BASKET

Thank you, Lord, for all who care
Bless them with your love
Thanks for mothers everywhere
Bless them with your love
For those who brighten up our day
Bless them with your love
Who always have the right words to say
Bless them with your love
Thanks for hugs, and love and smiles
Bless them with your love
Thanks for all those extra miles
Bless them with your love
And when they feel they're not enough
Bless them, bless them, with your love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Father and Mother in Heaven, perhaps you have already heard what I wanted to tell you.

What I wanted to ask is;;

forgive me, heal me, increase my courage, please.

Renew in me a little of love and faith, and a sense of confidence, and a vision of what it might mean to live as though you were real, and I mattered, and everyone was sister and brother.

What I wanted to ask in my blundering way is;

don't give up on me, don't become too sad about me, but laugh with me, and try again with me, and I will with you too.

What I wanted to ask is;

for peace enough to want and work for more, for joy enough to share, and for awareness that is keen enough to sense your presence here, now, there, then, always.

Silent prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11 Common English Bible

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

MESSAGE

Where in the World is Jesus?

ANTHEM

A Mother's Love

Cathy Nalesnik

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nurturing God, on this Mother's Day we pause to remember the gifts of mothering. And as we remember we pause to give thanks for the ways you are a mother to us: for nurturing us, giving us the guidance and the freedom we need to grow in experience and wisdom (even if we are sometimes headstrong and make unwise choices); for comforting us when we are wounded in body or spirit, helping us to heal and be stronger for it; for believing in and challenging us, calling us to

be more than we are, encouraging us to live out our potential; for giving us the swift kick in the backside that we need at times, not letting us coast, reminding us to keep trying and growing; we offer words of thanks.

Gracious God, on this day we also give thanks for those who have been like mothers to us. Some of them are related to us through blood, some of them have come into our lives through happenstance, some of them have been part of our lives for decades, some of them are new to us, but many people have nurtured, taught, comforted, challenged, encouraged us. Without them we would not be who we are, and so we give thanks for them and all that we have learned from our interactions with them.

And yet, in the midst of our thankfulness, we remember...

We remember that there are those for whom Mother's Day is difficult; those for whom the relationship between mother and child is strained, or difficult, or non-existent; those who are distanced from their mothers, by geography, or illness, or unhealed hurts, or communication failures; those who have said farewell to mothers or children, not to meet again until we join in the life which lies beyond this life. For all these mothers and children who meet pain or struggle this day we pray for comfort, that they would know they are not alone.

We also remember those who want to be mothers but are unable, those who have given up a child for adoption; those who wish to know the woman who carried them but never will. May they too know Your peace.

God of life, today and every day we give thanks for the gifts of life. Today and every day we also remember the people in the world who know more about curses than blessings.

Today we remember that the roots of Mother's Day lie in women's grief at burying husbands and brothers and sons as a result of brutal warfare.

And so we pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

This we pray in the name of the one who taught about your love, your justice, your hope for the world, Jesus of Nazareth, our rock and redeemer, our teacher and guide, in whose life death and resurrection we find the path that leads to the Kingdom. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, You call us to walk with Christ and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus the Christ Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

* CLOSING HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

Christ has no body now but ours,
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world.
Ours are the feet with which he walks about to do good.
Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Christ, be with us; Christ be within us.
Christ, hold us all in your loving Spirit. Amen.

~ Adapted from Teresa of Avila

POSTLUDE

Parish Drive

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us as we continue our worship

with food and conversation in fellowship hall

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ANNOUNCEMENTS May 12th, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 13 ~ 19

Monday May 13th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday May 14th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday May 15th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Thursday May 16th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday May 17th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday May 19th

Pentecost! Celebration of Holy Baptism @ 10am

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