

Order of Service
5th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 10, 2020

"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."

Opening Hymn: ELH 54 vs. 1,2,4

"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

[P = Pastor C = Congregation]

Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful; The Lord is good to all;

And has compassion on all He has made.

C: The Lord upholds those who fall.

The Confession of Sins

P: Friends in Christ, let us approach our God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good that I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. I am sorry for my sins. O Lord, **forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

The Absolution

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayer for the Day

P: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

First Lesson: Proverbs 31: 10-31

(A wife of noble character is a precious gift of God to a husband, a family, and a community.)

¹⁰ Who can find a wife with strong character? Her value is greater than that of gems. ¹¹ Her husband's heart trusts her, and he never lacks wealth. ¹² She does good for him and not evil all the days of her life.

¹³ She obtains wool and flax. She eagerly works it with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like merchant ships. She brings her food from far away. ¹⁵ She rises while it is still night. She gives food to her household. She gives their share to her female servants. ¹⁶ She considers a field and acquires it. From her own income, she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷ She wraps strength around her waist like a belt, and she makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She realizes that she makes a good profit.

Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She stretches out her hands for the distaff, and the palms of her hands grasp the spindle. ²⁰ She opens the palm of her hand to the oppressed, and she stretches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She does not fear for her household on account of snow, because her entire household is clothed in scarlet clothing. ²² She makes bedspreads for herself. Fine linen and purple cloth are her clothing.

²³ Her husband is known at the city gates, where he sits with the elders of the

land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and she delivers belts to the merchants. ²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing,
and she laughs at the days to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and
kind instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She keeps a close eye on the conduct of
her household, and she does not eat bread that she did not work for. ²⁸ Her
children rise up and bless her. Her husband rises up and praises her: ²⁹ “Many
daughters show strong character, but you have surpassed all of them.”
³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is vapor that vanishes, but a woman who
fears the Lord should be praised. ³¹ Give her credit for the fruit of her hands,
and let her accomplishments praise her in the city gates. (Evangelical
Heritage Version – EHV)

Psalm 33 (Read responsively)

P: No king is saved by the great size of his army.

C: No hero is rescued by his great strength.

P: Look, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

C: On those who wait for his mercy.

P: Our souls wait for the Lord.

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: Yes, in him our heart rejoices,

C: Because we trust in his holy name.

P: May your mercy, O Lord, be on us,

C: Even as we wait confidently for you.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10

(Christ, the “Living Stone,” builds up his people like living stones into a spiritual house. Jesus is “rejected by men but chosen by God,” and he makes his people into a holy priesthood to the glory of God. This is all the work of God’s mercy in Christ. Calling sinners to himself, he recreates them as his “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,” that they may declare his praises.)

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.”

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, ⁸and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall.”

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy. (EHV)

Congregational Response: ELH 175 v. 1, 3

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

The 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of
Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life
everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermonette

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Sermon Hymn: ELH 190 vs. 1-4

“O Blest the House”

O blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!

O blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still.
And do in all His holy will.

O blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heaven be lost!

Blest such a house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

Sermon: John 14:1-12 *“The Perfect Home!”*

¹“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

⁵“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.” ⁹“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

¹²“Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.” (EHV)

Hymn: ELH 539 vs. 1-4

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Jerusalem, my happy home, Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labors have an end? The joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints! O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.

In thee no sickness may be seen, No hurt, no ache, no sore;
In thee there is no dread of death, But life forever more.

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
They see God face to face;
They triumph still, they still rejoice; Most happy is their case.

Offering Prayer

Then here will I and mine today A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word, I and my house will serve the Lord.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day we thank you especially for the Christian mothers in our congregation and throughout the world who are teaching their children the way of salvation in Christ Jesus. Bless them in their efforts and continue to help them realize the importance of their work.

C: Open the hearts of children so that they will gladly receive the saving truth.

P: Forgive us, for the many sins committed in our homes--the sins of selfishness, of love lessness, and negligence. Show us again that the blood of

Jesus, Your Son, cleanses us from all our sins,

C: May the Holy Spirit turn selfishness into love and self-sacrifice and bring peace and happiness.

P: Bless Christian homes where Your Word is read, studied, and followed and where the prayer, "Come Lord Jesus, be our Guest" is not only one of words but one of life.

C: Make our homes entrances into heaven.

P: O God of compassion and hope, let your Spirit rest on our nation and its leaders and upon all nations, that all people may be free to worship you without fear for the good of your Kingdom. Protect us from the evils of this world, including terrorism. Bring healing to those with the Corona Virus and show us the way to be protected from future outbreaks. Bless all who are affected financially and bring them relief. Encourage those in the medical field and keep them safe as they care for patients.

C: Make us all instruments of your peace as we extend the good news of the hope of heaven to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, talents, and treasures. Teach us to put your kingdom first.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With joyful hearts we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: (spoken by All)

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.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELH 554 vs 1, 4, 8

"For All The Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

