

# Mother's Day

May 9, 2021 | 9:45 am | Ascension Lutheran Church



## Words of Welcome

### Opening Sentences

**P** We begin in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Who is like the LORD our God?

**C** He is seated on high.

**P** He raises the poor from the dust.

**C** He lifts the needy from the ash heap.

**P** He gives the barren woman a home,

**C** making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 113:5, 7, 9)

### Opening Hymn

LSB 895 | "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

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### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Let us confess our sins in the confidence of the love of God who says, "I have engraved you on the palms of My hands."

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

**P** Merciful Father,

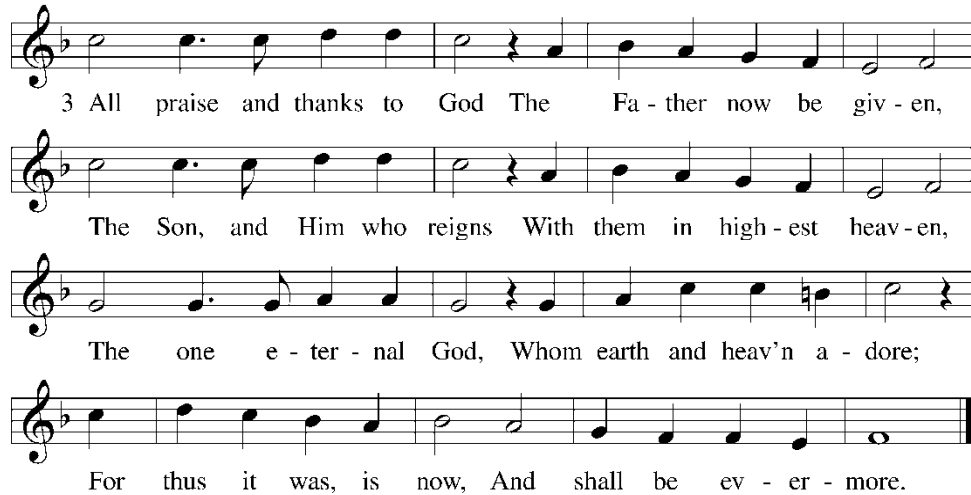
**A** *we confess that we have been rebellious children. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have neglected to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our families or our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your love in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, grant us Your forgiveness. Create in us new hearts that we may magnify You as our saving Lord and rejoice in Your salvation. Amen.*

**P** God is loving and merciful. He speaks to each of you His healing Word of forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### Verse of Praise

LSB 895 | "Now Thank We All Our God"



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### Prayer of the Day

**P** Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### A Litany for Mothers

**P** A woman of noble character, who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. (Proverbs 31:10)

**G** Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)

**P** Her husband has full confidence in her, for she brings him good all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:11-12)

**G** Let the name of the LORD be praised for mothers of their children. (Psalm 113 :9)

**P** She provides for her family; she sets about her work with diligence. (Proverbs 31:15, 17)

**G** For it is in God that we have been brought out of the womb, being led to trust in the LORD, even at our mother's breast. (Psalm 22:9)

**P** She is compassionate, courageous, clothed in dignity and strength, laughing at the days to come. (Proverbs 31:25)

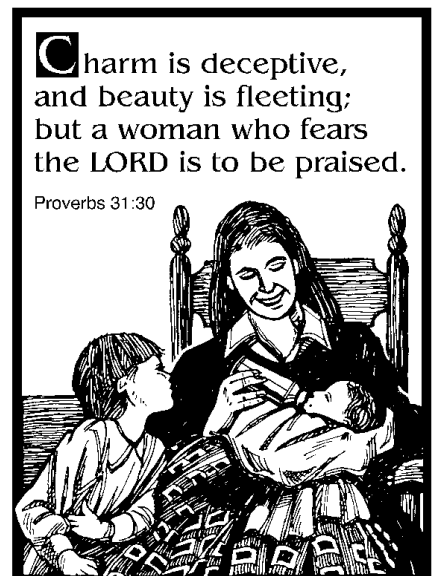
**G** Her children arise and call her blessed, for a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. (Proverbs 31:28, 30)

**P** We thank You, O Lord, for Eve,

**G** the mother of all living. (Genesis 3:20)

**P** For Sarah, the mother of many peoples,

**G** who signifies for us the gracious promises of God. (Genesis 21:19)



- P** For Jochebed, the mother of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam,  
**C** **through whom You led the people of Israel into the promised land, with a mighty hand and outstretched arm.** (Exodus 2:1-11, Numbers 26:59)
- P** For Hannah, the mother of Samuel,  
**C** **whose heart exceedingly rejoiced at the birth of her child.** (1 Kings 2:1)
- P** For Ruth, who married to Boaz bore a son named Obed, the grandfather of David,  
**C** **thus ensuring the throne through which the Savior would be born.** (Ruth)
- P** For Mary, the mother of Your Son, Jesus,  
**C** **who as the servant of God brought into this world the atoning Sacrifice for our salvation.**  
 (Matthew 1:21)
- P** For the unnamed widow of Nain, who in her grief over her deceased child  
**C** **rejoiced in her day in the One who overcame the sting of the grave for her and her son.**  
 (Luke 7:11)
- P** For Eunice, the mother of Timothy,  
**C** **who brought up her child in the way of the Lord.** (2 Timothy 1:5)
- P** Yes, blessed are You, dear Lord, for being our Provider, our trusted Friend, our Healer,  
**C** **for being our Source of life, our Shoulder, our compassionate Touch.**
- P** Yes, Lord, thank You for godly mothers,  
**C** **the crown of our life in You. Amen.**

## **Mother's Day Video** | "The Beauty of a Mother"

### **First Reading** | Acts 10:34-38

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation, anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>He sent His word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. <sup>38</sup>God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with Him.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading** | 1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the God who has given birth-also loves one who has been born of Him. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep His commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: that we keep His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup>This is the One who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>In fact, there are three that testify:<sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three are one.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Holy Gospel | John 15:9-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved Me, so also I have loved you. Remain in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have held on to My Father's commands and remain in His love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that My joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is My command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from My Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. <sup>17</sup>These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

LSB 803 | "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

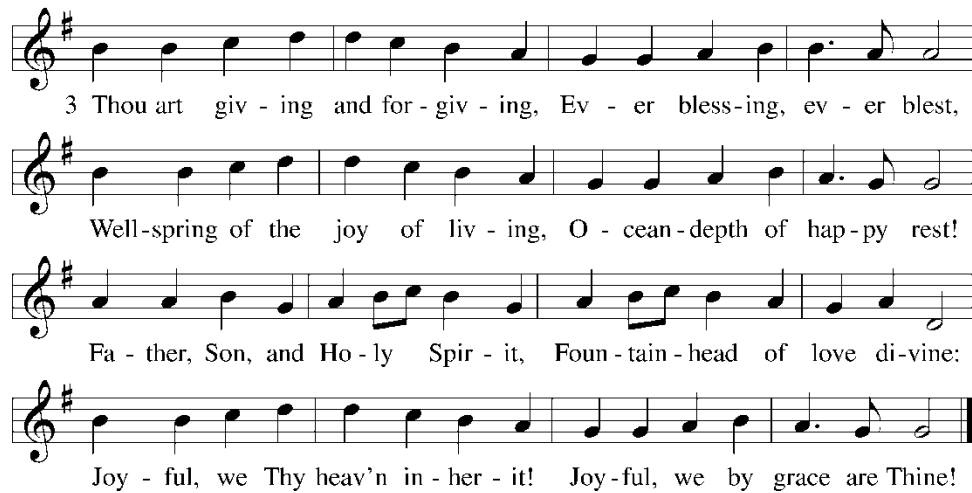
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## Message

## Response Verse

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## Profession of Faith | Apostles' Creed

- P** A creed is a statement of what you believe and confess as a Christian. During this Easter season, pay special attention to the words, "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Because Jesus bodily rose from the dead, we too shall rise on the Last Day.
- A** *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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.*

## Special Music | "All Are Welcome!" | Marty Haugen

### Prayers of the Church

- P** Risen Lord Jesus, today we give thanks for all mothers, through whom You have displayed Your tender mercy. May they be strengthened in their callings that their lives may overflow with the love and honor of their children. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Risen Lord Jesus, You are the supreme ruler of all nations. We pray for our nation and its leaders. Grant them wisdom to govern according to Your commandments for the welfare of all people, especially families. May we lead quiet and peaceable lives in our homes and our world in all godliness and reverence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Risen Lord Jesus, we lift up before You wives and husbands who grieve the loss of children through miscarriage and stillbirth, and for those couples who have been unable to bear children. May they be comforted in their sorrow and longing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Risen Lord Jesus, we pray for all who suffer illness or injury and for those facing surgery (especially ...) that You would grant them the balm of Your patience and healing in both body and soul. May they be enabled to give continual thanks to You with joyful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

(Special petitions may be offered here.)

**P** Into Your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through the Risen Lord Jesus, our Savior, who has taught us to pray:

**A** *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**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** May God the Father, who has brought you to this place, and God the ✠ Son, who has given you purpose in this place, and God the Holy Spirit, who sends you forth from this place, bless you from on high and make you a blessing to many!

**G** Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

LSB 829 | "Christ the Eternal Lord"

1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.

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**Sending**

**P** Go in peace. Love one another. Serve the Risen Lord as the child of God that you are!

**G** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**