



⌘ Morning Prayer ⌘

*Mother's Day (Easter V) - May 10, 2020*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Easter Festival* (J.S. Bach)

OPENING HYMN *Hallelujah* (L. Cohen)

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (*Authorized Forms of Confession & Absolution from Anglican Church*)

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**Forgive us and help us.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *AMEN.*

## **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Venite** (Ps.95.1-7; 96.9,13)

**Come, let us sing praise to the Lord! Let us shout praises to the Rock who saves us. Come and worship him with songs of thanks. Let us sing happy songs of praise to him. For the Lord is a great God, the great King ruling over all the other “gods.” The deepest caves and the highest mountains belong to him. The ocean is his—he created it. He made the dry land with his own hands. Come, let us bow down and worship him! Let us kneel before the Lord who made us. He is our God, and we are the people he cares for, his sheep that walk by his side.**

*AMEN.*

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

Lord, I come to you for protection. Don't let me be disappointed. You always do what is right, so save me. **Listen to me. Come quickly and save me. Be my Rock, my place of safety. Be my fortress and protect me!** Yes, you are my Rock and my protection. For the good of your name, lead me and guide me. **Save me from the traps my enemy has set. You are my place of safety.** Lord, you are the God we can trust. I put my life in your hands. **Save me! My life is in your hands. Save me from those who are persecuting me.** Please welcome and accept your servant. Be kind to me and save me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

*AMEN.*

## **1st Lesson – Proverbs 31:25-31**

“A Biblical reading for Mother’s day taken from the Book of Proverbs.”

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.

“The Word of the Lord.”      **“Thanks be to God.”**

## **Jubilate Deo** (Psalm 100)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. AMEN.**

## **2nd Lesson – 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn babies hungry for milk, you should want the pure teaching that feeds your spirit. With it you can grow up and be saved. You have already tasted the goodness of the Lord. The Lord Jesus is the living stone. The people of the world decided that they did not want this stone. But he is the one God chose as one of great value. So come to him. You also are like living stones, and God is using you to build a spiritual house. You are to serve God in this house as holy priests, offering him spiritual sacrifices that he will accept because of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures say, “Look, I have chosen a cornerstone of great value, and I put that stone in Zion. Anyone who trusts in him will never be disappointed.” So, that stone brings honor for you who believe. But for those who don’t believe he is “the stone that the builders refused to accept, which became the most important stone.” For them he is also “a stone that makes people stumble, a rock that makes people fall.” People stumble because they don’t obey what God says. This is what God planned to happen to those people. But you are his chosen people, the King’s priests. You are a holy nation, people who belong to God. He chose you to tell about the wonderful things he has done. He brought you out of the darkness of sin into his wonderful

light. In the past you were not a special people, but now you are God's people. Once you had not received mercy, but now God has given you his mercy."

**HYMN**     *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*

### **The Gospel - JOHN 14:1-14**

Jesus said, "DON'T BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD, AND TRUST IN ME. THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE. I WOULD NOT TELL YOU THIS IF IT WERE NOT TRUE. I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. AFTER I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK. THEN I WILL TAKE YOU WITH ME, SO THAT YOU CAN BE WHERE I AM. YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE PLACE WHERE I AM GOING." Thomas said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER IS THROUGH ME. IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME, YOU WOULD KNOW MY FATHER TOO. BUT NOW YOU KNOW THE FATHER. YOU HAVE SEEN HIM." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need." Jesus answered, "PHILIP, I HAVE BEEN WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME. SO YOU SHOULD KNOW ME. ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER TOO. SO WHY DO YOU SAY, 'SHOW US THE FATHER'? DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME? THE THINGS I HAVE TOLD YOU DON'T COME FROM ME. THE FATHER LIVES IN ME, AND HE IS DOING HIS OWN WORK. BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME. OR BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE MIRACLES I HAVE DONE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL DO THE SAME THINGS I HAVE DONE. AND THEY WILL DO EVEN GREATER THINGS THAN I HAVE DONE, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO THE FATHER. AND IF YOU ASK FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT FOR YOU. THEN THE FATHER'S GLORY WILL BE SHOWN THROUGH THE SON. IF YOU ASK ME FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT."

**SERMON**     Ms. Devyn Sherfield (St. Mark's Episcopal School, Class of 2020)

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy**

**Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## **A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.

**Grant them patience and understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who have lost children.

**Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

**Grant them healing and peace.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.**

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **T H E P R A Y E R S**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**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, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

**A**lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

### Collect for Sundays

**O** God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

### A Collect for Grace

**L**ord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

### A Collect for Guidance

**H**eavenly God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

### A General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *AMEN.***

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**A**lmighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together (*even electronically*) in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as

may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *AMEN.*

### Concluding Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. *AMEN.*

CLOSING HYMN      *You Raise Me Up* (J. Groban)

POSTLUDE              *Easter Festival* (J.S. Bach)

## OUR WORSHIP IS OVER, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

### CHURCH DONATIONS

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This service bulletin and accompanying video service was made for you by the children of this church, and our collective belief in the Risen Lord which will lead us through the darkest of valleys.

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## A M O T H E R ' S L O V E

by Helen Steiner Rice

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A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

# VIRTUAL FLOWERS

## IN MEMORY

**Gail Cuthbertson** for son, CHRISTOPHER DAVID MIKKELSEN born August 13, 1959 – died April 30, 1961; **Hellen Martinez & Family** for friend and neighbor, EDGAR MARCISNANO who died recently of COVID-19.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### NAYIM CARTER

- Grandson of STM Member (Debbie Ferguson) who is very ill.

### PEDRO LUIS BARRETO

- Friend of St. Mark's School Parent & Business Office Staff (Hellen Martinez) who remains in the hospital but is improving in his battle with COVID 19, and is now off the ventilator.

### EDNA SENTMAN

- 103 year-old Mother in nursing home of St. Mark's Member (James Sentman)

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Travarus Adderley, Jr.

Vontisha Adderley

Finn Adornato Bogardus

Roland Breton

Daniela Brukartd

Charline Charles

Hamilton Clark

Lynne Coughlin

Winford Courtney

Brooke Davis

Philip Delvaille

Robert Dew

Karen English

Laurie Fox

Robert Gabele

Dianne Garvin

Judy Grant

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Kyle Morgan

Virginia Morgan

Mary Nelson

Mark Nolting

Karin Picchiarini

Anne Platt

Samantha Spada

Bernard Synkowicz

Alicia Ziade

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Tara and Daniel Henley

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