



ST JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

5th Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day

Worship at home live by video or phone, or on your own schedule.

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Everybody is invited to read/pray/sing at the appropriate times during Worship.

We're keeping all phones muted throughout Worship so everybody can hear.

Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!

Amma Diane

♪ God of the Women Who Answered Your Call



1. God of the wom - en who an - swered your call,
2. God of the wom - en who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wom - en long put to the test,
4. God of the wom - en who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all,



trust - ing your pro - mis - es, giv - ing their all,
giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray,
left out of stor - ies, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
prayed with oth - ers in that up - per room,
may we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



wom - en like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth,
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - na, and more,
qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"
then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day,
Give us the strength of your Spir - it so near



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
that we may share- in your min - is - try here.

Gathering

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All AMEN!

Prayer for Mothers and Mother Figures

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you today for the relationships in our lives. We especially thank you for our family relationships. We are grateful for the love and nurture and joy that family life brings us. Yet we also acknowledge that our families sometimes bring us pain. So, we pray today for those who struggle with broken and strained family relationships. On this Mother's Day, we give you thanks for our mothers, for all they have done and continue to do in our lives. We pray for all mothers—help them, Lord, to be a blessing to their families. We pray for those whose mothers have died and who feel grief on this day. We also remember those who wanted to be mothers but could not be. And we pray for those who have been like mothers, spiritual or otherwise, in our lives. Most of all, God, we thank you for being like a good mother to us, showering us with love, compassion, forgiveness, and encouragement. We thank you and ask your blessings on our worship today, through Christ our Lord.

All AMEN! *adapted from a prayer by the Rev Martin Thielen*

Invitatory

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

All 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!

Christ Our Passover

1 Cor 5.7-8, Romans 6.9-11, 1 Cor 15.20-22

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed:
All Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed:
All Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Unison Reading

Psalm 31. 1-5, 15-16

All In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

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!

First Lesson

Acts 7.55-60

Reader 1 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader 1 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Unison ReadingCanticle 12, *A Song of Creation*

All

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, O heavens and all waters above the heavens. Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, all winds and fire and heat. Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow. Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, O shining light and enfolding dark. Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the waters. All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds. O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, sing praise and give honor for ever. You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; sing praise and give honor for ever. In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, sing praise and give honor for ever.

Gospel

John 14. 1-14

Celebrant

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Amma Diane

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us join in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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!

Offering Our Prayers

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. AMEN!

Celebrant Help us, O God our Savior;

All Deliver us and forgive our sins.

Celebrant Look upon your congregation;

All Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Celebrant Declare your glory among the nations;
All **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Celebrant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
All **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Celebrant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
All **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Celebrant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
All **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Celebrant Almighty 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.

All **AMEN!**

Celebrant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **AMEN!**

Prayers of the People

Reader 2 On this day when we also remember mothers, let us offer our prayers to Jesus, the son of Mary. Because on this earth we are all sons and daughters of Eve, let us pray for the whole world and the church universal, that we might behold each other as sisters and brothers.

All **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 As Rebecca gave birth to Jacob, and in so doing she gave birth to a whole nation, let us pray for our nation and state, and for all in authority.

All **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 As Rachel's son Joseph was mistreated, beaten, and wrongly jailed, we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the victims of war and all who live in terror's wake.

All **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 As Hannah, the mother of Samuel, went to the House of the Lord to pray with earnest integrity, we earnestly pray for those in this community.

All **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 As Naomi took Ruth into her home, we pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers. We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing.

All **God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 As Elizabeth gave birth in old age, and as she saw her son John the Baptist carried off to persecution, we pray for all those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those with any needs.

All God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.

Reader 2 And, as Jesus's mother, Mary, stood by the cross and watched her son die, we pray for the dead and dying.

All God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.

Reader 2 We lift up all those on our prayer list, and others we remember now:

All God of love and mercy: hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer to you our prayers. Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. And help all of us, sisters and brothers, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in Heaven.

All AMEN!

adapted from a litany by the Rev Rick Morley

The General Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty 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 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!

♪ **Come, Celebrate the Women**

1. Come, cel - e - brate the wom - en who brought the Church to birth!
 2. The teach - ers, saints and moth - ers who lived and died un - sung
 3. Daugh - ters of the dis - ci - - ples, you weave the sto - ry still,

the gen - tle rev - o - lu - - tion that shall trans - form the earth:
 kept safe the gos - pel sto - - ry and taught it to the young;
 the fab - ric of the fu - - ture with warmth and love and skill,

whose faith was salt and leav - - en, whose hearts and minds were free,
 the Christ child Ma - ry cra - - dled, the liv - ing Word to be
 you make the bread of whole - ness, the wine of har - mo - ny -

and this was their di - rec - - tion - to peace and u - ni - ty.
 was cru - ci - fied for plead - - ing this peace and u - ni - ty.
 and all shall share your feast - - ing in peace and u - ni - ty!

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Sending

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All

AMEN!

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