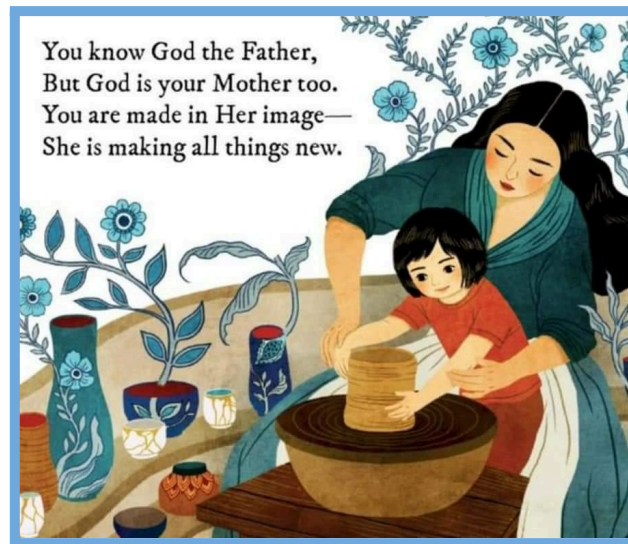


For Slides on Mothers' Day May 12, 2024



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. We praise God, this morning, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is our refuge.

We can find peace in God's abiding love.

When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary.

***HYMN #163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"**

1 Ask ye what great thing I know
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

3 Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on His right
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

2 Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my waiting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

4 This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in Him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave,
Jesus Christ, the Crucified

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For many it is a celebration of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts.

But for some gathered here, these memories are painful.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people.

And give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness.

For it is in those times that we turn our back on you.

Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love.

Lord, hear our prayer. *Silent Meditation.*

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. On this Mothers' Day Sunday help us to make our home in you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE**John 17: 6-19**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

"Jesus Prays for Us!"

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TIME FOR PRAYER

Sharing joys and concerns.

THE LORD'S SUPPER**Introduction**

...Let us share this meal together.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Joining our voices...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come,
 and as we dedicate ourselves again to you,
 thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices,
 that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN**

“We Come to This Table” KREMSER (“We Gather Together”)

**1 We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.**

**2 We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we share here with others
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.**

**3 We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.**

**4 We rise from this table with new dedication
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.**

***BENEDICTION**

May the Spirit of power and love attend you,
may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you,
and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you,
now and forever. **Amen.**