



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Caregivers Meeting Tuesday
2. Tuesday Prayer
3. Wednesday Bible Study

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who gather here are sons or daughters,

And we give God thanks and praise—

For among today's blessings, we acknowledge the gift of those who gave us life, and those who work to give us life still, through prayer, acts of mercy, and works of peace.

We give God thanks and praise.

Let us praise God as the one who feeds us as a mother feeds an infant, who leads us as a mother leads a child to walk. Let us praise God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Step By Step”

Video

Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You. Oh God, You are my God And I will ever praise You. I will seek You in the morning And I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, sometimes we suffer because we do too much, we work non-stop, we do not pause to rest and to reflect. Let us pause now, to consider the ways in which we miss what God is doing, we overlook the harm we cause ourselves and others. Let us confess together the sin that drives us apart. Let us pray together, saying, God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

CONFESSION

O God, Creator and Renewer of Life, forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence accompanying us on life's journey.

God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Forgive us when we fail to pray to know your will, and forgive us when we fail to listen for your answer.

God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

By your Spirit, open our eyes, ears, and hearts that as we hear your word together, we may experience the presence of the resurrected Christ. Help us to pray, alone and with others, in ways that change us and open us to your Will. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer. Amen.**

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

“Hallelujah” (Live)

Annabel Stavey

Let the worship rise from deep within. The sanctuary sing. Hallelujah.

Hear the praises of the grateful ones. Rescued from the flames. Hallelujah.

The song of those unchained. For the glory of Your name.

Jesus piercing through the darkness. Dying just to save us hallelujah

Savior beautiful Redeemer. We will sing forever hallelujah

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, or a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still—for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Video

READING

Acts 1:12-14

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of^f James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Spoken Apostle's Creed

Virtual Choir

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. *(*or universal)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Originally written by Anne Russ, for Argenta Presbyterian Church
May we mindful of the myriad of emotions Mother's Day stirs up for people we love—especially this year. We know not everyone had good mothers, or still has their mother with them. We know mothering happens regardless of gender or bloodlines. Today we pray for moms of all kinds. Let us pray, saying, God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful God, who gathers us together like wayward chicks, like a mother who will not forsake her child, hear us today as we pray for the moms who bake cupcakes, wait in car lines, pack lunches, juggle sports schedules and preside over petty playground squabbles. We pray for moms judged against perfection, trying to make it work. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for moms who are essential workers and must leave their children in the care of others while they serve in hospitals, ambulances, grocery stores, delivery trucks, fire-houses, police stations, busses and subways. We pray for the moms who struggle to feed their children, worry for their safety and hope for a better tomorrow. We pray for moms who never intended to be stay-at-home moms and find themselves at home...and at work...trying to hold it all together. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for moms in assisted living facilities who cannot receive visitors, and for moms prevented from hugs from their children and grandchildren. We pray for moms who fiercely advocate for children with special needs. Give them the strength and wisdom to be teacher, therapist, nutritionist and medical manager as well as bedtime story teller and snack supervisor. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for the moms who have lost their children and children who have lost their moms. We pray for moms who wonder what they could have done differently and those who know exactly what they should have done differently. We pray for those who are missing their moms—especially moms who are physically present, but emotionally absent. We pray for reconciliation for moms who are estranged from their children. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for mothers in other countries, mothers who worry about hunger and housing, mothers who pray against violence, mothers who serve and protect in armed forces. We pray for mothers trapped in abuse. We pray for mothers who abuse. We pray for mothers who teach, mothers who preach, mothers unseen and unheard. God of Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Today, we thank God for moms. Thank you for moms who hug and encourage and guide us along our way. Thank you for moms who put in the blood, sweat and tears to make life work—day in and day out. Thank you for moms who have paved the way for future generations of women. Thank you for moms who have raised men and women who make a difference daily. Thank you for all women who have acted as a mother to us over the years when we needed them the most. Thank God for moms.

All this we pray in the name of him who was raised to live and reign in power for us, who taught us to pray, saying

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING “Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life” Video

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood’s helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow’s stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city’s streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav’n above shall come the city of our God.

PASSING THE PEACE

“May the Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

POSTLUDE