

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Mothers' Day

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### Welcome and Worship Notes

**Hymn** "Christ is Our Cornerstone"

Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place  
Of present grace And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest  
To endless rest Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song,  
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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## The Easter Dialog

adapted from Revelation 1 & 7 NIV

**P:** Grace and peace to you from the One Who is, and  
the One Who was, and the One Who will be  
From the sevenfold Spirit before His throne;  
And from Jesus Christ – He is the Faithful Witness,  
the First of the dead to live again and the Ruler over the kings of the earth.  
To Him Who loves us  
and by His blood has freed us from our sins,  
and has made us a kingdom,  
priests to God and His Father  
— to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**P:** Christ is risen!

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

**P:** The uncountable multitude of nations standing before the throne of the  
Lamb cry out with a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits  
on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

And all the angels standing around the throne worship Him saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks

and honor and power

and strength

be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

**P:** Christ is risen!

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we  
may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that  
among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true  
joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First New Testament Lesson

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

<sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

<sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen . . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me . . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

## Gradual

**Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,  
He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put all things under His feet.**

## Second New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation —<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fourteenth chapter.  
Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

**P: This is the Word of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

**Hymn** “Oh, Blest the House”

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His —  
How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown  
How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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## Sermon

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup> But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." <sup>23</sup> Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup> And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup> Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup> And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup> For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup> Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

*1 SAMUEL 1:21-28*

## Offering

### Hymn during the Offering "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

*REFRAIN    Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

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## A Time to Thank God for Our Mothers

**Hymn** “A Wife of Noble Heart” based on Proverbs 31 tune: “Your Table I Approach”

A wife of noble heart is worth far more than jew'ls  
Her husband has full confidence  
He has no need unfilled

She brings him good, not harm, throughout her length of days  
She clothes, she works with eager hands  
Her fam-'ly to pro-vide

With strength and dignity she laughs at days to come  
She speaks with wisdom; Faithful truth  
Is on her lov-ing tongue

## **A Scripture to Honor Our Mothers & Wives**

Proverbs 31:10-31

**P:** An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household  
and portions for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a  
vineyard.

She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at  
night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed  
in scarlet.

She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the  
land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the  
merchant.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of  
idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises  
her:

**Men: “Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”**

**P:** Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.

## **A Mother’s Day Prayer**

**P:** Father, we praise and thank You this morning for the gift of our mothers. You have graciously used our mothers as participants in Your continuing act of creation, using their wombs to give us life.

**All: Lord, I thank You this morning for my mother \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**P:** “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.” We confess this morning that we have not always obeyed our mothers. We have shown them disrespect, been disobedient and have not honored them.

**C: Forgive me Lord, and help me to live a life that brings honor to my mother.**

**P:** Lord, You have blessed most mothers with an unconditional love for their children. We are confident that as we pray for our children You graciously hear us . . .

**Mothers:** Almighty God and compassionate Lord, guard my child/children all the days of their lives. Protect them, we pray, from the powers of the Evil One. Bring them through trial and tribulation with their faith intact. And above all, we pray, inscribe this/these name/s in the Lamb’s book of life

\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Husbands:** I thank you Lord, for my wife – the mother of my children. May Your angels guard and strengthen her. May Your Spirit direct and preserve her. Bless now, I pray, \_\_\_\_\_ .

**P:** Visit, we implore You, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep far from them all harm and danger. Grant us to dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, and may Your blessing be with us forever;

**All: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn** “A Wife of Noble Heart” based on Proverbs 31 tune: “Your Table I Approach”

Her child-ren do a-rise and call her tru-ly blest  
Her hus-band rises at their side  
And leads them in their praise

All glo-ry to the Son Who comes to set us free  
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er one  
Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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## The Prayers of the Church

### 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 and ever.  
Amen.**

### Memory Verse for May John 16:33 NIV

“I have told you these things,  
so that in Me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart!  
I have overcome the world.”

## The Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

**P:** May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn “Thine Forever, God of Love”

Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav’nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!

Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv’n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav’n.

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