

Mother's Day Service 2021

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, CP 215 (tune 582)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Collect for Mother's Day:¹

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks for all those who have mothered us in our lives. In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love, please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort, nurture, protection and support. We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us, so that we might celebrate your goodness together even through our own brokenness.

Amen

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Readings: (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament)

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

¹ From the St. Mellitus Mothers' Union Mothering Sunday Liturgy, 2018, mothersunion.org.

Reader: A Reading from ... (*reads from the Bible*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart (tune: Wild Mountain Thyme)

The Gospel John 15:9-17

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Creed

**I believe that God is my Father,
that God made the world,
God gives me life,
and helps me grow.**

**I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.
Jesus shows me that God is love.
Jesus lived and died for me.
Jesus is alive now, in me and in my neighbour.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
who helps me love others,
who makes me holy,
who helps me love God better.**

I believe in God's family, the Church.

I believe I will be happy with God forever. Amen.

Hymn He's Got the Whole World in his Hands

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrong doings to the Lord;

God forgives and heals us.

People: **We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.**

Celebrant: God forgives you.

Forgive others;

forgive yourself. *(silence)*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Prayers of the People²

Biddings:

Officiant: We give thanks for the Church, our mother, who brought us to birth in the family of Christ, through the waters of baptism. We pray that all Christians will hear again God's call to mother those in need and bring them home to God. Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in authority in our nation and in our world. May they learn from the example of Jesus Christ that true power is the power to feed the poor and the hungry, to make a home for the homeless and to offer hospitality to the broken-hearted. Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

² From the St. Mellitus Mothers' Union Mothering Sunday Liturgy, 2018. mothersunion.org.

We pray for our own community. May we see each other as brothers and sisters, called to sit at God's family table together. Let us work together for that great day when God comes again to restore heaven and earth.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer today, in mind, body or spirit. In particular, we pray for those who have lost a motherly presence, and for those who have never known a mother's love. May they find consolation in God, the one in whom every family on earth finds its home. Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have loved us and nurtured us in faith. May we be bold to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all those who have gone before us into the many mansions of the Father's home. May we learn from them to trust God's care and provision for us, all the days of our life and into our death.

Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Blessing³

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work for
others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries**Announcements**

Recessional Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory, CP 577

Dismissal:

Celebrant or Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD! Alleluia!**

Inspirational Quote:

Love: If you can't love Jesus with your whole heart, love Jesus just a little. Or, rather, let Jesus love you just a little, as much as you're able to receive his love. Jesus will love you on your terms, but – look out! – his love will consume you. Sooner or later, Jesus' love will overtake you. - Br. Curtis Almquist

Announcements:

Food Bank: The food bank needs egg cartons. Please drop them off at the hall on Tuesday from 8 - 10 or on Wednesday from 9 - 10:30

Ascension Day: We will have a Morning Prayer service to celebrate Ascension Day this Thursday, May 13, at 10 am. Live streamed of course.

^{3 3} From the St. Mellitus Mothers' Union Mothering Sunday Liturgy, 2018. mothersunion.org.