



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, May 12th

PRELUDE

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

arr. Wilbur Held

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen and ascended!

C: He is risen ascended indeed! Alleluia!

P: Today is a day of celebration, grief, and anticipation.

C: We celebrate our Lord’s triumph and reign.

P: We grieve that He is not physically present with us.

C: We anticipate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

P: And we celebrate that His promise to always be with us remains and will never fade away. Though Christ is ascended on high and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning over all creation, there have been times when we have lived as though we rule and reign over our own lives. We have lived as though Christ were too far away to matter. But our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confess our sins, and receive His forgiveness.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Heavenly Father, we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we walk in Your perfect way and delight in Your perfect will. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

C: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

P: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

C: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

C: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

C: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

P: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

C: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

P: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us; who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

P: We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

C: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

P: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

C: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

P: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

C: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

P: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

C: Grant them strength and wisdom.

P: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

C: Grant them relief and justice.

P: We pray for step-mothers.

C: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

P: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

C: Grant them faith and hope.

P: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

C: Grant them support and insight.

P: We pray for moms who have lost children.

C: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

C: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

P: We pray for adoptive mothers.

C: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

P: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

C: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

P: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

C: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

P: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

C: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

P: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood in our lives. And we thank you for Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. Bless the mothers among us on this special day; through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “For All the Faithful Women”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“In a Mother’s Heart”

Thomas Keesecker

Children’s Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Ephesians 1:15-23** [ESV]

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 24:44-53** [ESV]

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”

SERMON “ASCENSION SUNDAY”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord Be Glorified”

Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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“Pastorale on Holy Manna”

Organ

arr. Gordon Young

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”

Organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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