

Welcome to
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4th Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019 + 10:15 a.m.

P- Pastor, **C-Congregation**

** All who are able please stand.*

Prelude

Children's Choir "The Butterfly Song" Ernie Rettino & Debby Kerner Rittino

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Reception of New Member

*Mother's Day Litany

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 birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women 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. We pray for 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 enjoy financial abundance.

C: Grant them time to share with their families.

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

C: Grant them relief and justice.

P: We pray for step-moms.

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 mothers who aborted their children.

C: Grant them healing and peace.

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 girls and women who think about being moms.

C: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

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 people present 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. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples.....We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say – Yes – to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of

faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering

*Opening Hymn “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (vs. 3 – 5) WOV 674

*Greeting

P: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Word

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

The First Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Acts.

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²**He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | vives my soul

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

The Second Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Revelation.

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Here ends the reading.

* Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Silence for Reflection

Our Response to God's Word

*Hymn of the Day "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LBW 456

* The Apostles Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem "I'll Walk With God" Nicholas Brodzsky, arr. MacLean

*Offertory Hymn



♩ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***Prayers of Intercession**

***The Lord's Prayer**

C: 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

***Benediction**

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

***Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" WOV 673**

***Dismissal**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***Postlude**