

HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting Four, May 10, 2020*

5th Sunday of Easter - *modified*

GATHERING

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP / MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Mother's Day Litany

(adapted from the Book of Jewish Women's Prayers)

L My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

C Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

L For He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant.

C Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

L Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed.

C Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

L You are women and you are gifted with the Spirit rising from within.

C Blessed are women made in God's image and likeness.

L You are young. You are old. You are mothers, daughters, wives; you are sisters who have heard the Spirit calling.

C Blessed are women made in God's image and likeness.

L For God has done great things for us and gave to us the gift of Motherhood.

C Blessed are women made in God's image and likeness.

L May God make us as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. May it be the will of our God in heaven to instill in our hearts love and hope that is reflected in our daily lives, the Torah, and the commandments. May our eyes be enlightened with truth, our mouths speak words of wisdom, our hearts be filled with compassion, and our feet run to do the will of our Creator.

C Blessed be God forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Song:

Rock My Heart

(To the Tune: Rock My Soul in the Bosom of Abraham; Words by Pastor Roger Facione)

CHORUS

Rock my heart in the bosom of God's love,
Rock my heart in the bosom of God's love,
Rock my heart in the bosom of God's love,
Oh, rock my heart.

Too high, can't get over it,
Too high, can't get over it,
Too high, can't get over it,
God's love is so great.

CHORUS

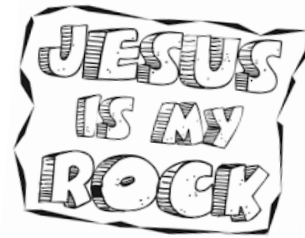
Too wide, can't get 'round it.
Too wide, can't get 'round it.
Too wide, can't get 'round it.
God's love is so great

CHORUS

Too deep, can't get under it
Too deep, can't get under it
Too deep, can't get under it
God's love is so great.

CHORUS

Too high, can't get over it
Too wide, can't get 'round it
Too deep, can't get under it
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - responsive

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,
C We confess to you, Lord.
A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,
C We confess to you, Lord.
For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,
C We confess to you, Lord.
A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,
C We confess to you, Lord.
A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

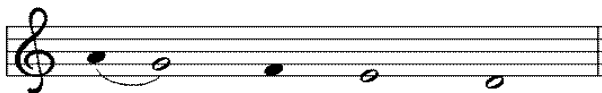
I know that my Redeemer Lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives my every-living head!

KYRIE *(following)*

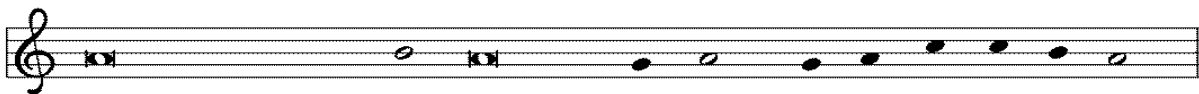
Kyrie



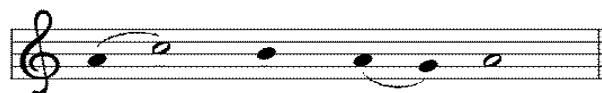
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



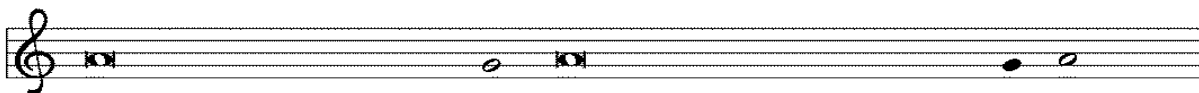
Lord, have mer - cy.



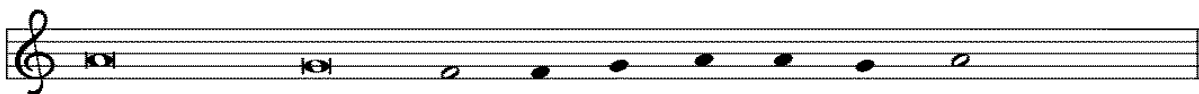
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



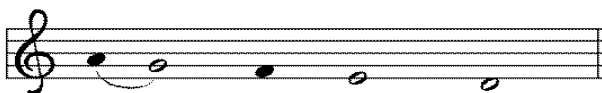
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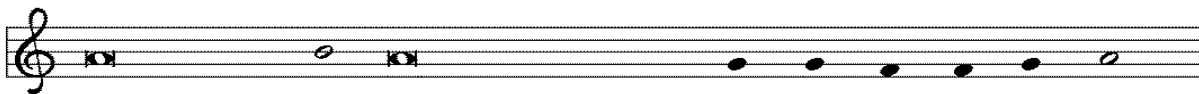
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



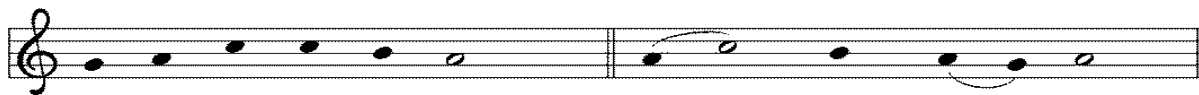
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

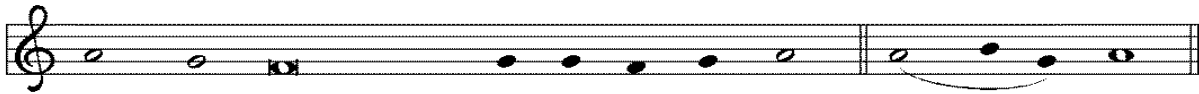


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION for May 10, 2020

Faithful God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Redeemer God, today we celebrate moms and grandmas – and all who are like moms for us – that give freely of their love, even when it hurts. Bless our moms and continue to fill them with your 'amazing grace.' Lord in your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, lead our President and Congress towards reconciliation and mutual collaboration for the good of our country's future as 'one nation under God'. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in our church bulletin prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

(Assisting Minister)

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again at this table
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst,
your children come before you.
Here is food! Here is drink!
These things are yours before they are ours.
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:
God, we are thanking you.
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,
O God, we thank you and rejoice.
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for giving us freedom.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for bringing us peace.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C We thank you!

A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

'All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.'

C The body of Christ! Amen.

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:

'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins
may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all is prepared.
Amen.

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
Amen.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and
be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us
peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Go Now in Peace (following)*

The Blessing
Go Now in Peace

by Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE