

*AS WE GATHER*

"Make Them One"

The Easter season concludes with the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose "on earth as it is in Heaven." We also celebrate Mother's Day and all the praying mothers and women who have impacted us.

**+ RAISE YOUR PRAISE TO GOD +**

*HWC 560 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH* sts. 1, Ref, 3, 5

1 For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies. **REFRAIN**

**Ref Lord of all to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise!**

3 For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild. **REFRAIN**

5 For Thyself best gift divine  
To our race so freely given;  
For that great great love of Thine  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven. **REFRAIN**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

- C** I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O

**Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

**C Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

LSB 154

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy 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.**

## *SALUTATION*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father, that we might live and love as You do, Jesus; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **+ GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY +**

### *FIRST READING*

Acts 1:12–26 NIV

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

<sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms:

*“May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,”* and,

*“May another take his place of leadership.”*

<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry,

which Judas left to go where he belongs.”<sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*EPISTLE*

1 John 5:9–15 NIV

<sup>9</sup>We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11b</sup> [Jesus said:] Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# HONOR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

sts. 1, Ref, 2–3, 5

*(to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers, LSB 662)*

1 Honor Christian mothers, Instruments of God;  
Raising faithful fam'lies; worshiping the Lord.  
Foll'wing His commandments, showing us the way,  
Love and faith and kindness; teaching us to pray. **REFRAIN**

**Ref Honor Christian mothers, Instruments of God;  
Raising faithful fam'lies. worshiping the Lord.**

2 "Let it be," say mothers, trusting as they pray,  
Finding strength and courage, grace for ev'ry day  
Challenges surround us, but we will not fear.  
God's love will sustain us, help, our burdens bear. **REFRAIN**

3 God, be with our mothers who have gone before,  
Certain of His promise: life forevermore.  
In His many mansions, love again we'll share,  
He will lift all sorrow, wipe away each tear. **REFRAIN**

5 Honor Christian Mothers--Heaven's gift of love.  
Join with them in service to the Lord above.  
Follow their example, let your lights so shine--  
All will see your goodness, praise the One Divine. **REFRAIN**

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*THE MESSAGE*

"Make Them One"

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*OFFERING*

OFFERING SONG

*LSB 970 JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES*

1 Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessèd Redeemer, living Word. **REPEAT**

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*OUR PRAYERS*

**+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

*INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

*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.**

### *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### *PAX DOMINI*

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### *AGNUS DEI*

LSB 163

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

*LSB 550 LAMB OF GOD*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

*LSB 696 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD*

sts. 1–4

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

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*BENEDICTION*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING* sts. 1, ref, 5, 7

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice with us and sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:

**ref Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and lay on Him your care. **REFRAIN**

△ 7 Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness.  
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One. **REFRAIN**

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