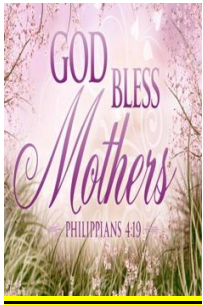


Prairieland Parish

As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.
May we together experience the presence of God

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We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Meditation Prayer

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.

Litany for Mother's Day

Leader: We pray for moms whose children are grown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregation: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Leader: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Congregation: Grant them time to share with their families.

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

Congregation: Grant them relief and justice.

Leader: We pray for step-moms.

Congregation: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

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

Congregation: Grant them faith and hope.

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

Congregation: Grant them support and insight.

Leader: We pray for moms who have lost children.

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

Leader: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

Congregation: Grant them healing and peace.

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

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

Leader: We pray for adoptive mothers.

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

Leader: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Congregation: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

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

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

Leader: We pray for all women who have assumed the mothers role in a childs life.

Congregation: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

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

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

Opening Prayer

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. 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. Amen.

Praise Hymn UMH #89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Author: Henry Van Dyke

Arranger: Edward Hodges

Composer: Ludwig von Beethoven

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.**

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading..... John 17:6-19

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.[c] 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.[d] 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

Children's Message

Faith Hymn UMH #384

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Author: Charles Wesley

Composer: John Zundel

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;**

**fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!**

**Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Message

Joys/Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of all creation
who called every being into life
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity
who embodies us with dignity,
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world
we ask for your Spirit to unite us
where we face lack of understanding and disunity
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.
And in silence, we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
in the face of the conflicts, hatred, and violation of life
experienced in so many regions of the earth
and in silence, we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbour,
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures,
and faith communities with respect
and in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,
in Christ, we are reconciled,
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit
to help us to overcome all our divisions
that we may live in peace.

Help us, O God, to love others so that we may abide in your love and act like the friends of
Jesus who taught us to pray...

Offering/Doxology/Prayer

Compassionate Creator, in our communal life, may our actions, love, and giving reflect
Christ's presence within us. Help us live in a way that displays Christ's life in us,
showcasing love, respect, and hospitality. As we share and give, may it reflect not only on
us but also glorify Jesus. Guide us in honoring one another and celebrating our
commitments as part of our faith. In gratitude, abundance, and equity, we present these
offerings, believing that sharing Christ is the most loving act. In the name of Jesus, our
rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen. (John 17:6-19)

Departing Hymn UMH#526

Author: Joseph M. Scriven

Composer: Charles C. Converse

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus “ (verses 1-2)

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

BENEDICTION: As we go out into the world, let us carry the testimony of God with us. Let us not be ashamed But let us boldly share it with everyone we meet. Amen

Postlude