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**I KNOW YOU
REMAIN IN MY LOVE
May 8, 9, and 12, 2021**

When we talk about love on Mother's Day, we may be tempted to think of a gushy, sentimental kind of love. But a mother's love is so much more. It's strong. It's sacrificial. It's unyielding. It can even get feisty. It's a picture, imperfect though it may be, of the love Jesus has for us—a love that's determined to bless and save us.

MASKS AND SEATING

We continue to recommend the wearing of masks throughout the service if you are able. As attendance increases, it may be difficult to maintain our customary social distancing at all services. If you are comfortable with less social distancing, please sit on the right side of the sanctuary (as you face the altar). If you desire more social distancing, we recommend sitting on the left side of the sanctuary or attending the 7:45 or 10:45 am service, both of which normally have fewer people in attendance.

OPENING HYMN 239, vv. 1-3

Glory Be to God the Father

**1 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

**2 Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**3 Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!**

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is a love, like a mother's love, that we can and often do take for granted. Through the prophet Isaiah the Lord says:

C **Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the Lord has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me" (Isaiah 1:2).**

M Let us examine our own hearts and lives. Have we failed to appreciate the love God has shown toward us? How have we rebelled against him? Let us approach God in honesty and confess our sins.

All **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



SONG OF PRAISE 239, v. 4

Glory Be to God the Father

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, you became one of us and laid down your life for us.
C **Give us confidence in the strength of your love for us.**
M You have given us glimpses of your self-sacrificing love in the lives of our family and friends.
C **Give us opportunities to show that same strong love to those in our areas of influence.**
M For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:1-11, Bible page 1230

A Christian's testimony is twofold. We acknowledge Christ, the Son of God, who came into this world to pay sin's price. And we love each other as God has loved us.

LES SONG (Sung by the Children's Choir)

Lord Jesus, Be Near Me

Women played a significant role in the ministry and the spread of the New Testament church. One of these women, Tabitha, was raised from the dead—a miracle which gave glory to Jesus Christ as the true Messiah.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 497, vv. 1-4

This Is My Will

**1 "This is my will, my one command,
That love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
As I have shown that I love you.**

**2 "No greater love can any have
Than that one die to save his friends.
You are my friends if you obey
What I command that you should do.**

**3 "I call you now no longer slaves;
No slave knows all the master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
My Father say, you hear from me.**

**4 "You chose not me, but I chose you,
That you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
Should bear much fruit that will abide."**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
 You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
 Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.

Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,
 Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
 Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
 Are there spirits crushed and broken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
 Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
 Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, be at peace. Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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