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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May, 2020

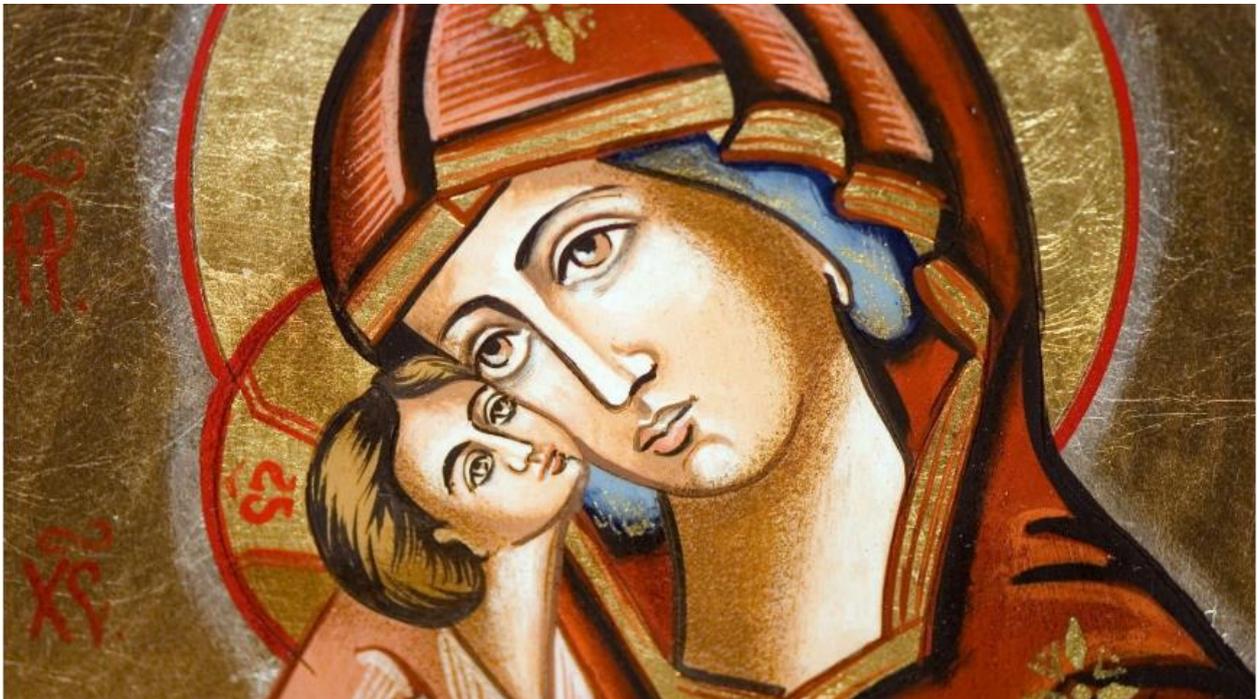


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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

LOCKYER VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

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OPENING SENTENCE

L: Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, Alleluia!

C: So that by it you may grow into salvation. Alleluia! (1 Peter 2:2 NRSV)

L: Let us worship our Lord. In the name of the Father and of the Son† and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

CONFESSION of sins

L. Friends in Christ:

Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us:

C: Lord God our Heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against you, not only in my words and actions but also my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which you know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased you and repent of all my evil. For the sake of your dear Son. Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

L. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, the sins of all of you who repent and believe are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C. Amen

SONG

God gave us Mothers

1/3

God gave us mothers to protect us,
And to guide us in love's way
They were with us from our cradle,
Teaching us to watch and pray.
Precious Saviour, bless our mothers;
Or our mothers memory.
Precious Saviour, help us honour
Those who gave us love so free.

2/3

As we grow they stayed beside us,
Listening, loving constantly.
They spoke to us words of wisdom,
Though, at times, so hard to see.
Precious Saviour, bless our mother;
Or our mothers memory,
Precious Saviour, help us honour
Those who taught us how to be.

3/3 (*Verse sung by mothers:*)

Now as mothers, Lord we ask you
Be our helper and our guide.
Give us courage, bless our efforts,
Let us live, love deep and wide.
Precious Saviour, keep us faithful,
Teaching, leading, loving true.
Precious Saviour, thanks for children;
They are precious to you too.

♪LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

♪PRAISE

1/3
Praise to God who reigns on high;
Peace on earth to men he loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly king,
God the Father, mighty one.

2/3
Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away the people's sin;
You that sit at God's right hand,
Hear us and have mercy, Lord.

3/3
You alone are holy, Christ,
Only you are Lord of all;
For, with the Spirit, You alone
Share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord most high! Amen

GREETING

P. The Lord be with you
C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

**C: O God, since you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will:
Grant that your people may love what you command and desire what
you promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts
maybe fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

The death of Stephen

After the reading:

L. This is the word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5,15,16

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;

Let me never be put to shame;

Deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me,

Come quickly to my rescue;

Be my rock of refuge,

A strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress,

For the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

For you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;

Deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

My times are in your hands;

Deliver me from the hands of my enemies,

From those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant;

Save me in your unfailing love.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forevermore. Amen

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10 God's chosen people, a royal priesthood

After the reading:

L. This is the word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C. Alleluia

L. Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

C. Alleluia

L. Jesus said: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' (John 14:6 NRSV)

C. Alleluia

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-14

Jesus the way to the Father

AFTER THE GOSPEL READING

R: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise be to you, O Christ, raised to live forever.

GOSPEL PRAYER

R. Lord Jesus, thank you for being the way to the Father for us. Help us always to believe in you.

C. Amen.

1/5

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2/5

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

3/5

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4/5

Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5/5

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
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With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:

MESSAGE: by Des Gerhardt

Jesus the Way to the Father

John 14:1-14, Easter 5A

The grace and peace of the Lord be with you this day. Bless us O Lord in thy truth for thy word is truth.

To get the best out of this text I have a bit of a prologue. That prologue leads back to when Jesus first came. Jesus came and was baptized and received the Holy Spirit. God had a plan for him, a bigger plan than we ever thought was possible. Because of the Jewish law it was not doing the right thing. They had left God out of their lives and made rules and regulations unto themselves. Jesus after finally

selecting his disciples together he then taught them for three long years getting them prepared for the future that what will happen that Jesus would be betrayed, go to the cross and die, and three days later raised up to new life. All of these things came about that Jews and Gentiles will again become as one. 1 Peter 1 verse 9 says "and they wanted something for their souls." Here they are talking about not the Jews but the Gentiles.

The Gentiles were looking for a God. They wanted somebody that they could have the same for all Jewish people should have so Jesus came to break the law. The first thing he healed on the sabbath that was a no no, but Jesus did what he had to do what the father had promised him to do. God was pleased with everything he had done-- going to the cross and relieving the tensions from the Jewish people. He overturned the money senders in the synagogues and they were also using that as a place for animals where anybody who bought a sheep or a goat or anything with a spot on it was rejected but they were making money out of it too they were taking those animals and re selling them.

So now we are up to the part after this is all gone. I can understand what the disciples went through pain and suffering in their own self they wasn't really sure what was going to happen. They did not know that Jesus at that time was going back to the Father and they were very oppressed when Jesus came to them and he says to them "In my Father's house are many rooms and I go away that I will prepare a place for you and when the right time comes I will come back and get you" What a beautiful thought that is here God has made mansions for us perfect.

I don't know what perfect means but perfect there is nothing out of place all the things that men fought for over all those times was in that beautiful kingdom and it says when Jesus went back to heaven he says to them "When I return I will return once again as I went away" for the disciples were still very unethical with what Jesus meant and we see Thomas said where are you going Lord? We don't know where you are going. Jesus says to him "I am the way and the truth and the life" and so he reminds them "I am the way I am the only way to the Father there is no other way in getting there you have to come through me I am the truth everything I tell you comes from the word of God and I am the life I have been resurrected to new life, and where I am you will also be"

But Phillip who was standing at the side, and Jesus spoke to him he was still insecure and Jesus says "Phillip don't you believe, here I have been with you all these years can you not accept what I have told you" and he said "Phillip if you don't believe look what you have already seen you have seen what has happened then believe in what you have seen."

So it comes to the part now what is going to happen for the future. Jesus had prepared these disciples for those three years and yet they are still in doubt they still cannot see that they are going to take the part on that Jesus did when he was here and he is going to send his holy Spirit upon them to guide them and I can still see when Jesus is ready to go into heaven the disciples still asking him questions

still very uncertain but he reminds us in the bottom of this text from where it reads on he reminds them that everything will be OK. The spirit will guide them, the spirit will give them the help that they need that same spirit that we have today in each and every one of us that can be used for the best benefit in our lives to love Jesus, to know him, to be part of him.

Without this we would not know either where we are going when we die and I like that little piece where he says and I will come back to you and I will take you to where I am also. What a beautiful invitation that is! It's a freewill gift given to us by God because we believe in him and that we love him and it says when Jesus went back to the father and the great kingdom that God had already built we find the angels that were on side. The gate had opened- the gates that they would be opened for each and every one of us now just the same as when he died and went to hell but he opened hell for all of those who did not believe his burden that he had on his head and on his shoulders for the sins of the world and are now thrown into hell.

Those sins are to be remembered no more! But remember we are sinful beings. We don't get out of it that quick. We are forever sinning and we don't know we sin so God directs us and says you must have daily repentance of your sin—"When you don't know you sin but I will give you forgiveness I will stand by you." Jesus says, "I will stand by you on that day and when I am at that gate I will say welcome, come in you faithful servants."

Grant us all peace the love and the joy that this text can give us it means a lot to each and every one of us. Be with us Lord as we look forward to tomorrow strengthen and guide us This we pray in your name Amen.

NICENCE 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

AT1 Lord of our Days

Chorus (sung twice)

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

1/4 From many pasts you fashion one history,
a people of God created to hold
for all mankind the myst'ry of faith.
Lord of our days, your people we are.

2/4

From many wills you fashion community,
a people of God created to love;
Being for man the promise of hope.
Lord of our days, your people we are.

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

3/4 From many calls you fashion one destiny,
a people of God created to be;
for all mankind the body of Christ.
Lord of our days, your people we are.

4/4

From many dreams you fashion a unity,
a people of God created to serve;
Bringing to man the witness of love.
Lord of our days, your people we are.

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

Lord of our days,
Lord of yesterday,
Lord, our Lord, forever,
Your people we are.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C. Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possession- as signs of your goodness and symbols of our love. Thank you, kind and loving God, for choosing us to be your own holy people. Make us more and more like Jesus, giving of

ourselves to serve you and others. Use our gifts to build up your kingdom.
AMEN

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus said, 'do not let your heart be troubled.' Let us come to our heavenly Father with all our troubles and concerns, and pray for the church and the world.

Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this country. Keep it faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Be with our synod and its leaders. We commend to you our Bishop John Henderson, our District Bishop Paul Smith, and all our District Bishops. Uphold them in their office with true faith and a godly life.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless our country, Australia, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember our Queen, Elizabeth, our Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, our Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, those in our local government, and all who maintain law and order.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Protect our nation from hatred and violence, from arrogance, discord and confusion, and from all evil. Bring unity among the different peoples of our land: the Indigenous and the non- Indigenous people; those born here and those from overseas; the rich and the poor.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Help us to care for the land and protect its fragile environment, so that the blessings you give can be passed on to the future generations.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you, Father, that you hear us and care for us in all our needs. Open our eyes that we may see you in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

♪THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
Your name be kept holy
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
And give us this day

Our bread for today.
Forgive our sins as we
Forgive all those who sin against us.
And help us when tempted,
And save us from evil.
For the kingdom, power, and praise are Yours forever.
Amen.

PEACE

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

C:AMEN

♪THE BLESSING

C. The grace of Jesus Christ The love of God the Father The Holy Spirit's fellowship be with us all. Amen

DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace. You are the chosen race, God's own holy people

C. In the name of Christ. AMEN

FINAL SONG

LH 392 How Firm a Foundation

1/5

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you
He has said
Who unto the Saviour for refuge have fled?

2/5

Fear not, He is with thee, O be not dismayed:
For He is thy God, and will still give thee aid:
He'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand/

3/5

When through the deep waters
He calls thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For He will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And turn to thy good e'en thy deepest distress.

4/5

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
His grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee: His only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5/5

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
He will not, He cannot, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
He never will leave and will never forsake.

ANNOUCEMENTS

1. Thank you to Des Gerhardt for leading our worship today. To Adrian Taylor, Bernie Muller and Kylie Staunton for their combined talents to create the online service.
2. We re-edited the Harvest Thanksgiving Service so that more pictures of our church buildings and harvest are included. You are welcome to watch again. DVD and USB are available by booking.

3. We have formed a group of volunteers to prepare the online service for our ministry area. There are opportunities for more people to be involved. Please contact Pastor Jing if you feel called.
4. your offering is part of our worship and thanksgiving. Your congregational bank account details:
 - Ropeley church: NAB Gatton. BSB 084-657
Account number 508724245
 - Lockrose church: NAB Lowood. BSB 084-780
Account number 508809759
 - Laidley Church: NAB Laidley. BSB 084-771
Account number 492460969
5. Start to think about the resuming of our public worship, how shall we celebrate such a great event?
6. Praise the Lord, never cease wherever you are.

Special prayers for these people in need of good Health

Brooke Kirkwood, Gwen Diете, Joan and Alex Body, Ann Rickuss, Marlene Staatz, Grace Norman, Pastor Noel Noack.

Baptism Anniversary

During May we remember the following child on the anniversary of their Baptism in our prayer: Saxon LENDRUM, son of Josephine and Shane, and brother to Savannah

**Your offering is part of your Worship
and is presented to God through the prayer**

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NEXT SUNDAY (17th May 2020)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Leading: Pastor Jing Luan

Musician: Angela Stains

Reader: Jill Natalier

Text:

First Reading: Acts 17: 22-31 *Paul in Athens*

Psalm: Psalm 66: 8-20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 *Suffering for doing right*

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 *The promise of the Holy Spirit*